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RE: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—
*Abandonment Exemption—in Preston County, WV***

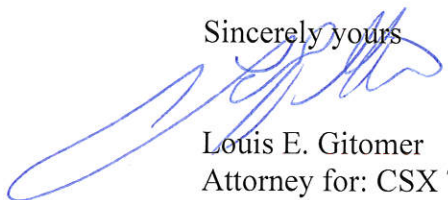
Dear Ms. Brown:

In response to the letter dated January 12, 2016 by the West Virginia State Rail Authority (“West Virginia”), CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) agrees to a 180-day extension until July 27, 2016, to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with West Virginia for the 6.78-mile portion of the line between Manheim, WV, milepost BAJ 3.0, and Preston, WV, milepost BAJ 9.78 (the “WV Line”). Most recently, the Surface Transportation Board granted an extension of time for CSXT and West Virginia to negotiate until January 28, 2016. See *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Preston County, WV*, Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X) (served July 23, 2015). CSXT has not consummated the abandonment of the WV Line.

As provided in 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until July 27, 2016, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to September 26, 2016, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

CSXT is efilings this letter. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



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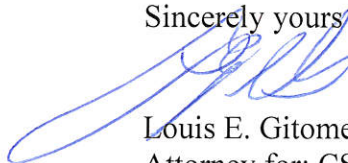
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Dear Ms. Brown:

I certify that the CSX Transportation, Inc. reply to the West Virginia State Rail Authority dated January 19, 2016 was served by first class pre-paid mail on Dave Bassage, Friends Of The Cheat, 119 South Price Street, Suite 206, Kingwood, WV 26537-1478, and J. Robert Gwynne, Greer Industries, Inc., P. O. Box 1900, Morgantown, WV 26507-1900, on January 20, 2016.

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