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Via E-Filing

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Re: The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, AB-290 (Sub-No. 335X);
and Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia Railway Company– Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, AB-290 (Sub-No. 340X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Alabama Trails Commission, on behalf of the City of Gadsden ("City"), has requested by letter dated March 9, 2018 that the Board extend the period of time allowed for the parties to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking ("NITU") in the above-captioned proceedings.¹ The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company and Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company hereby notify the Board that they have not yet consummated the abandonment and desire to consent to the City's request for a 180-day extension of the negotiation period for a possible NITU arrangement on the rail lines that are the subject of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,



Crystal Zorbaugh
Attorney for The Alabama Great Southern Railroad
Company and Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia
Railway Company

cc: All Parties of Record
Greg Summy
Laura Hoag
Scott Plum

¹ Per the Board's last stamp decision served September 19, 2017, the NITU period expires today, March 9, 2018.