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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 775X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment—in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties,
IN**

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to: (1) the letter dated January 31, 2020 by the City of New Albany, Indiana (the “City”) in which the City seeks a one-year extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking until February 18, 2021; and (2) the letter dated February 5, 2020 by the Indiana Trails Fund (“ITF”) in which ITF seeks a one-year extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking until February 23, 2021, both for the approximately 62.3-mile rail line on CSXT’s Northern Region, Louisville Division, Hoosier Subdivision between near Bedford, milepost 00Q251.7, and near New Albany, milepost 00Q314.0, all in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN (the “Line”).

CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until February 18, 2021 with both the City and ITF. CSXT has not consummated abandonment of the Line.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until February 18, 2021, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to April 19, 2021, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully request that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

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This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

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