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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia Railway Company– Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, AB-290 (Sub-No. 340X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

In a decision served on March 4, 2020, the Director of the Office of Proceedings vacated the portion of a notice of interim trail use or abandonment (“NITU”) served on April 3, 2013, for the line proposed for abandonment in the above-captioned docket¹ at the request of the trails proponent, the City of Gadsden, Ala. (the “City”),² and the Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company (“TAG”).³

¹ See The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, ALA, AB-290 (Sub-No. 335X); Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, ALA, AB-290 (Sub-No 340X) (STB served April 3, 2013). In AB-290 (Sub No. 340X), Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company (“TAG”) proposed to abandon approximately 1.15 miles of rail line between milepost TA 90.30 (located between the north end of Brookside Drive and Owls Hollow Road) and milepost TA 91.45 (at the TAG Segment’s connection with the AGS Segment west of N 5th Street) (“TAG Segment”).

² On January 27, 2020, the City filed a request to modify and partially vacate the NITU, after the City and The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company (“AGS”) reached a Purchase and Sale Agreement for just the AGS segment.

³ By letter dated February 19, 2020, TAG notified the Board that, because the City no longer wished to pursue trail use for the TAG segment, TAG intended to exercise discontinuance authority (rather than full abandonment authority) for that segment upon expiration of the NITU.

In addition to issuing a replacement NITU for the AGS segment, the March 4, 2020 decision stated "TAG may discontinue service over the TAG Segment, pursuant to the abandonment authority granted in Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 340X)."⁴ While discontinuances do not typically require consummation notices, TAG is writing to confirm to the Board that it has exercised its authority to discontinue service over the TAG Segment effective March 4, 2020. Should the Board have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (202) 663-7831 or by e-mail at czorbaugh@bakerandmiller.com.

Sincerely,

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⁴ Footnote 3 to the March 4, 2020 decision stated: "[t]he authority to abandon the TAG Segment (and the lesser-included authority to discontinue service over the TAG Segment) expires 60 days from service of this decision."