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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 718X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Alachua County, FL**

Dear Ms. Brown:

By letter filed March 23, 2020, the Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC (“GHL”) requests a one-year extension until February 16, 2021 to negotiate interim trail use for an approximately 11.62 miles of rail line on CSX Transportation, Inc.’s (“CSXT”) Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, West Coast Subdivision, between milepost AR 716.88, at High Springs, and milepost AR 726.69, at Newberry, and milepost ARB 717.11, a High Springs, and milepost ARB 718.92, at High Springs, in Alachua County, FL (the “Line”).

CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until February 16, 2021. 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 16, 2021, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to April 17, 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.

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

Sincerely yours,

/s/ *Louis E. Gitomer*

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