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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC - Abandonment Exemption –
In Terrell County, GA
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 312 (Sub-No. 4X)

Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. - Discontinuance Exemption -
In Terrell County, GA
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1000 (Sub-No. 4X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

By decision served March 25, 2019, the Board modified its exemption of the abandonment of the Line to the extent necessary to allow South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC (“SCRF”) as the owner of the freight easement, and South Georgia Rails To Trails Inc. (“SGRT”), as the proposed trail sponsor, to negotiate interim trail use and rail banking. The most recent negotiating period inadvertently expired on March 19, 2020, without a request for extension having been filed.

SCRF and SGRT have not finalized their negotiations for interim trail use, and both parties desire to continue the negotiations. SCRF has not consummated the abandonment of the Line, and accordingly, the Board retains jurisdiction over the Line and the NITU may be extended. The parties jointly request that the Board extend the negotiating period for a one-year period until March 19, 2021, to allow the parties the necessary time to reach agreement.

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Respectfully,

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cc: Spencer Lee, Counsel for South Georgia Rails To Trails Inc.