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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 794X) *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Pinellas County, FL*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.29(d)(1)(ii), the Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC (“GHL”) requests a one-year extension until July 11, 2021 to continue to negotiate trail use under a Notice of Interim Trail Use of Abandonment (“NITU”) with CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) for an approximately 0.86-mile rail line on its Clearwater Subdivision, from milepost ARE 897.57 to milepost ARE 898.42, in St. Petersburg, Pinellas County (the “Line”).

By Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment in *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Pinellas County, Fla.*, Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 794X) (served January 13, 2020), the Director of the Office of Proceedings granted GHL’s request for an NITU for 180 days, which is set to expire on July 11, 2020.

The Board affirmed the grant of the NITU to GHL. *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Pinellas County, Fla.*, Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 794X) (served June 22, 2020). In that decision, the Board stated that “CSXT and GHL are reminded that prospective trail sponsors and railroads are expected to operate diligently and in good faith in concluding their interim trail use/rail banking negotiations” and that “GHL must describe the efforts made to negotiate with CSXT and the progress of those negotiations.”

Consistent with the Board’s direction, GHL provides the following brief update regarding its good faith, diligent efforts to negotiate the acquisition of the Line from CSXT for interim trail use. Prior to seeking the requested extension, GHL and CSXT participated in multiple good faith discussions in an effort to negotiate an interim trail use. Among other items, GHL and CSXT conferred regarding the following: (1) title to the real property; (2) valuation of the real property; (3) any purported restrictions on disposal of the real property by GHL; (4) method of

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payment by GHL; (5) assumption by GHL of any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of the Line, including acquisition of insurance; (6) payment of any and all taxes by GHL that may be levied or assessed against the Line; and (7) other issues. These discussions remain ongoing. In the event the requested extension is granted, GHL will continue its good faith negotiations with CSXT, including further discussion of these and any other issues that may arise, in an effort to enter an agreement under the NITU.

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I certify that this letter has been served on all parties of record to this proceeding either electronically or by first class mail, postage prepaid.

Respectfully submitted,

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