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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X) *New York Central Lines- Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, Mass.*

Dear Ms. Brown:

By decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment (NITU) served on October 12, 2001, the Board, granted New York Central Lines, LLC (“NYC”) an exemption to abandon 4.80 miles of railroad known as the Albany Division, Fitchburg Subdivision, between milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham and milepost QBS 4.80 at South Sudbury, in Middlesex County, Mass (“the Line”).

The October 2001 decision authorized a 180-day period for the Town of Sudbury to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”), as successor to NYC for the 1.4-mile portion of the Line extending north from the Framingham town line to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company line at milepost QBS 4.80. By decision served on December 12, 2006, a second NITU was issued allowing the Town of Framingham to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement with CSXT for the 3.4-mile portion of the right-of-way between milepost QBS 0.0 at Framingham and milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line. The negotiating period has been extended multiple times with the most recent period set to expire on December 1, 2020.

CSXT has not consummated the abandonment.

The Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC (“GHL”) requests a notice of interim trail use/rail banking over the 3.4-mile portion of the right-of-way between milepost QBS 0.0 at Framingham and milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line in Middlesex County, Mass.

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Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 CFR §1152.29, GHL is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of, and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned and operated by CSXT. The property extends from milepost QBS 0.0 and at Framingham and milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line, a distance of 3.4 miles. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X).

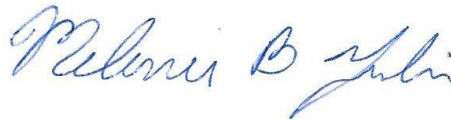
A map depicting the right-of-way-is attached.

GHL acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

By my signature below, I certify service upon CSX Transportation, Inc.

This letter is being efiled and the \$350 fee has been paid via pay.gov. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melanie B. Yasbin".

Melanie Yasbin
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Company, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this letter has been filed on all parties of record in this proceeding by email

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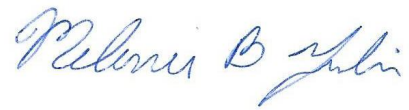
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melanie B. Yasbin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'n'.

Melanie Yasbin

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