

LAW OFFICES OF
LOUIS E. GITOMER, LLC

LOUIS E. GITOMER
Lou@lgraillaw.com

MELANIE B. YASBIN
Melanie@lgraillaw.com
410-296-2205

600 BALTIMORE AVENUE,
SUITE 301
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4022
(410) 296-2250 * (202) 466-6532
FAX (410) 332-0885

301519

January 22, 2021

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

ENTERED
Office of Proceedings
January 22, 2021
Part of
Public Record

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 793X) CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Allegheny County, PA**

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the letter filed on January 21, 2021, by the City of Pittsburgh (the “City”) in which the City seeks a 365-day extension of time from February 4, 2021 until February 4, 2022 to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the approximately 0.85-mile rail line on the River Branch, Baltimore Division, P&W Subdivision between Val. Sta. 40+75 and Val. Sta. 85+76, the end of the line, in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA (the “Line”).

CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until February 4, 2022. 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 4, 2022, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to April 5, 2022, 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 contact me.

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
January 22, 2021
Page 2

I certify that I have this day served copies of this letter upon all parties of record in this proceeding, by email.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melanie B. Yasbin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melanie" being the most prominent part.

Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc: Karina Ricks