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Re: R.J. Corman Railroad Property Abandonment in Scott, Campbell and Anderson Counties, Tennessee, AB-1296X

Dear Ms. Brown:

We respectfully request, pursuant to 49 CFR § 1152.29(c)(1)(ii), a one-year extension of the trail use negotiation period in the above referenced matter relating to the abandonment of the Oneida line in Scott, Campbell, and Anderson counties, Tennessee (the "Line"). The parties were given a one-year period, effective April 17, 2020, to negotiate for trail use of the Line. *R. J. Corman Railroad Property, LLC – Abandonment Exemption – in Scott Campbell, and Anderson Counties, Tenn.*, Docket No. AB-1296X (STB service date April 17, 2020). Subsequently, the Board imposed at least one stay as a result of later filings in the abandonment proceeding. Those filings, including the pending OFA request, have significantly limited the parties' ability to have meaningful negotiations. R. J. Corman Railroad Property, LLC has given us permission to represent that it does not object to this extension request.

We understand that if the railroad is abandoned, the only way to keep the rail corridor intact is to develop a trail. Trail development will allow safeguarding of the land rather than letting the titles revert to the property owners along the railroad. The corridor will remain intact for later re-establishment of rail service under this option should such use be deemed needed and appropriate.

Thank you for consideration of our request.



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