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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

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

Dear Ms. Brown:

On June 21, 2019, CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) filed a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) to abandon an 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”). By decision served on August 9, 2019, the Board granted a Notice of Interim Trail Use request filed by the City of Pittsburgh. Through various extensions, the negotiating period was extended to February 5, 2022. On January 28, 2022, CSXT filed a letter with the Board terminating trail use negotiations.

CSXT has not yet consummated the abandonment.

The Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC (“GHL”) requests a notice of interim trail use/rail banking effective for a full year from the date of the Board’s decision, over the entire 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

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

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levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned and operated by CSXT. The property extends from Val. Sta. 40+75 and Val. Sta. 85+76, the end of the line, a distance of approximately 0.85 miles in Allegheny County, PA. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB-55 (Sub-No. 793X).

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, reading "Melanie B. Yasbin".

Melanie Yasbin
Attorney for Georgetown and High Line Railway
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cc: Louis Gitomer
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