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RE: Docket No. AB-1073 (Sub-No. 1X), *Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Geneva, Coffee and Covington Counties, AL*

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) sold the track and materials and the common carrier obligation to the predecessor of the Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc. (“A&F”) while retaining ownership of the real estate and leasing it to A&F. A&F filed a Notice of Exemption on November 30, 2021 to abandon the entire line between Andalusia, AL, milepost 581.3, and Geneva, AL, milepost 624.2, a total distance of 42.9 miles (the “Line”). By letter filed February 9, 2022, the City of Andalusia (“Andalusia”) filed a request for a Notice of Interim Trail Use (a “NITU”) for the Line.

By letter filed on August 26, 2011, in Docket No. AB-1073, *Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Geneva, Coffee and Covington Counties, AL*, A&F correctly indicated that CSXT, as the railroad owner of the real estate is the proper party to address whether there is interest in negotiating interim trail use/rail banking. CSXT and A&F entered an Amendment to Conditional Lease dated as of February 16, 2012 that provided for CSXT to “conduct all interim trail use/railbanking negotiations, enter all agreements in its name and [A&F’s] name, if necessary, and receive proceeds, if any, of all successful negotiations for any and all of the right-of-way leased pursuant to the Lease, as amended, including the [Line].”

CSXT agrees to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the Line with Andalusia, while continuing to negotiate with the Georgetown and Highline Railway Company.

I certify that a copy of this letter has been served by email on all parties of record to this proceeding.

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CSXT is efilng this response. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

/s/ *Louis E. Gitomer*

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