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VIA E-FILING

Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Canonie Atlantic Co. – Abandonment Exemption –, VA
Hallwood to Cape Charles, VA
STB Docket No. AB 1266X
Response to Substitution of Interim Trail Sponsor

Dear Ms. Brown:

Canonie Atlantic Co. ("CAC") hereby files this response to the letter filed on March 10, 2022 on behalf of Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail Association, Inc. ("DRHTA"), the existing trail sponsor, and Eastern Shore Rail Trail Foundation ("ESRTF"), the proposed future trail, requesting that the Board reopen the abandonment exemption, vacate the existing NITU and issue an appropriate replacement NITU to allow ESRTF to substitute as the trail sponsor with respect to the Subject Line (as defined in the DRHTA-ESRTF letter).

To the extent required, CAC hereby advises the Board that CAC supports the proposed substitution of trail sponsors, and that it is willing to negotiate an interim trail use agreement with ESTRF. CAC confirms that it has not consummated the abandonment of the Subject Line, and that it will not consummate the abandonment while the Board considers the substitution request.

I hereby certify that a copy of this letter was served by email on all parties of record as shown below.

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Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully,

CLARK HILL

/s/ Eric M. Hocky

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