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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Canonie Atlantic Co. - Abandonment Exemption -
Hallwood to Cape Charles, VA
STB Docket No. AB 1266X
Joint Request for Extension of NITU

Dear Ms. Brown:

By decision served January 8, 2020, the Board modified its exemption of the abandonment of the Line to the extent necessary to allow Canonie Atlantic Co. ("CAC"), as the owner of the Line, and Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail Association, Inc. ("DRHTA"), as the proposed trail sponsor, to negotiate interim trail use and rail banking. The negotiating period was extended until July 6, 2021 and then to July 6, 2022, by decisions of the Office of Proceedings served July 1, 2020 and July 14, 2021.

Since that time, on March 10, 2022, DRHTA and Eastern Shore Rail Trail Foundation ("ESRTF") filed a joint request for DRHTA to terminate its trail use, and for ESRTF to become the substitute trail sponsor. The Board has not yet ruled on this request. As a result, CAC has not been able to finalize negotiations for trail use, or even to commence negotiations with ESRTF.

CAC, DRHTA and ESRTF all have a desire and interest in continuing the negotiations for interim trail use. Accordingly, CAC as the abandoning railroad, DRHTA as the current trail sponsor, and ESRTF as the potential substitute trail sponsor all jointly request that the Board extend the negotiating period for a one-year period until July 6, 2023, to allow the parties the necessary time to reach agreement.

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.

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I hereby certify that, as shown below, all parties of record have been served by email with a copy of this request.

The parties apologize for not filing the request earlier; however, they were waiting to see if the Board would act on the substitution request. Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this request.

Respectfully,

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