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Re: **Docket No. AB 1296X**
R. J. Corman Railroad Property, LLC – Abandonment Exemption – in Scott,
Campbell, and Anderson Counties, Tennessee

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter confirms that R. J. Corman Railroad Property, LLC (“RJC Railroad Property”) does not object to the request for a one-year extension of the trail use negotiation period filed with the Board by Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (“TCWP”) on or about March 22, 2024. Such extension request is appropriate under the circumstances. A Petition to Reopen the Abandonment Proceeding was filed on May 26, 2021 by Anderson County, Tennessee and on April 15, 2022, the Board entered a decision precluding RJC Railroad Property from consummating the abandonment until a decision is reached on the Petition. A decision partially reopening that proceeding was issued on November 17, 2022 and required RJC Railroad Property to file a Petition for an Exempt Abandonment, AB 1296 (Sub-No. 1X), seeking permission to abandon a branch line. That abandonment is scheduled to be effective March 31, 2024. Failure to reach an agreement on the trail use within the current time frame for negotiation is not the result of any action by TCWP or RJC Railroad Property. Accordingly, the RJC Railroad Property agrees with the extension request and respectfully requests that the extension be granted.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,
/s/ Catherine S. Wright
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 25, 2024, I served the foregoing using the below email addresses on all parties of record in this proceeding:

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