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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Knoxville & Holston River Railroad Co., Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – In Knox County, Tennessee, AB-580 (Sub-No. 1X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

On January 17, 2025, the City of Knoxville, Tennessee (the “City of Knoxville” or “City”) filed a petition for the issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) to allow the City of Knoxville to engage in negotiations with Knoxville & Holston River Railroad Co., Inc. (“KXHR”), a Class III railroad and wholly owned subsidiary of Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc., toward a possible trails use agreement for the approximately 3.8-mile long rail line, extending from Milepost 0.1, in Knoxville, TN, to the end of the line, also in Knoxville, TN (the “Line” or “K&A Belt”) in Knox County, Tennessee.

KXHR was served a copy of the City of Knoxville request.¹ KXHR hereby notifies the Board that consistent with the City’s January 17, 2025 filing, KXHR supports issuance of a NITU and is willing to engage in negotiations toward a possible trails use arrangement for the Line.

Sincerely,

/s/ Crystal M. Zorbaugh

Crystal M. Zorbaugh
Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

cc: Indya Kincannon
Parties of Record

¹ Per the regulations in 49 CFR § 1152.29(b)(2), the railroad’s reply is due 10 days after the NITU is filed. As stated in the request for a NITU, KXHR has been in contact with the City of Knoxville towards instituting trail use for the Line and has not yet consummated the abandonment.