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Chief of Case Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. AB-1240 (Sub-No. 1X)**
Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company – Abandonment
Exemption – In Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Dear Case Administration Chief:

Enclosed please find a request from Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company (“SWP”) to extend the consummation date in the referenced abandonment for one (1) year, to November 20, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me.
Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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IN FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**REQUEST TO EXTEND CONSUMMATION DATE
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2)**

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Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company (“SWP”) hereby submits this request to extend the date for consummation of the captioned abandonment by one (1) year, to November 20, 2026.

On October 31, 2024, SWP filed a Notice of Exemption (“Notice”) to abandon approximately 1.87 miles of rail line near Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, extending (1) approximately 0.66 miles from V.S. 874+34 at Redstone Junction near Washington Street to V.S. 839+30 at the north side of Oliver Road, and (2) approximately 1.21 miles from V.S. 1926+00 on the west side of North Gallatin Avenue Extension to V.S. 1989+93 near Coal Lick Run Junction near the North Union Township/City of Uniontown border (the “Line”). The Board served notice of SWP’s Notice on November 20, 2024, and set the date by which a notice of consummation should be filed as November 20, 2025.

Over the past year, SWP has been actively engaged with a party seeking to negotiate a purchase of SWP’s interests in the Line pursuant to the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d). Substantial progress has been made during those negotiations, but SWP does not believe that a final sale agreement will be reached before November 20, 2025.

Although no request for issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) has yet been filed in this docket pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, and the Board’s November 20, 2024 notice set a deadline of December 2, 2024 for making such filings, Board precedent establishes that late-filed requests for issuance of NITU’s will be accepted for good cause shown so long as the abandoning carrier has not consummated its abandonment authority and no party will be prejudiced. *See, e.g., Alabama Railroad, LLC – Abandonment Exemption – In Escambia, Conecuh, and Monroe Counties, AL*, Docket AB-1324X, slip op. at 1, n.1 (STB served Apr. 23, 2024). SWP has not consummated the subject abandonment, and believes a request for an NITU will be forthcoming in the near future.

Wherefore, for good cause shown, SWP respectfully requests a one (1) year extension of the consummation date in this docket, to November 20, 2026, in order to determine whether a sale agreement for trail purposes can be concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

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