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Re: *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—In Pinellas County, Fla.*,
Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 794X)

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) and Georgetown and High Line Railway Company LLC (“GHL”) respectfully request leave to submit this brief letter response to certain incorrect assertions in Rails to Trails Conservancy’s (“RTC’s”) reply to CSXT and GHL’s Petition to Reopen the Proceeding and Vacate the Revocation Decision. There is good cause for the Board to accept this brief response, which is limited to clarifying one factual point.

RTC incorrectly suggests in its Reply that vacatur of the Revocation Decision would interfere with or thwart interim trail use negotiations between CSXT and the City. RTC Reply at 2, 8–9. RTC also erroneously claims the Petition to Reopen is “silent” on this issue. *Id.* at 8. On the contrary, CSXT and GHL clearly explained in the Petition to Reopen that they “would continue negotiations to conclude the purchase with the City” if the Board vacated the Revocation Decision. Petition to Reopen at 4. And the City itself supported the requested relief. *Id.* at 3. A Board order vacating the Revocation Decision would not jeopardize the progress that CSXT and the City have made toward negotiating an agreement for sale of the line. In the event of such a decision, CSXT is confident that continued negotiations with the City will result in a mutually agreeable resolution with the City that is consistent with the terms of that decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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