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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
Docket No. AB-1266X
Notice of Partial Termination of NITU (color image included)

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

This letter is being filed on behalf of Eastern Shore Rail Trail Foundation (“ESRTF”), the interim trail sponsor, in order to provide the Board with notice that ESRTF intends to terminate trail use on a portion of the right-of-way covered by the interim trail use agreement, as more fully described below.

By decision served July 5, 2022 (a copy of which is enclosed herewith), the Board issued a replacement NITU to ESRTF as interim trail sponsor for the Canonie Atlantic Co. (“CAC”) approximately 49.1-mile rail line located between milepost 45.7 at Taylor Street in Hallwood, VA, and the end of the line at milepost 94.8 at Cape Charles, VA (the “Rail Line”). On May 22, 2023, ESTRF and CAC filed a joint notice that they had reached agreement on a Lease Agreement for Interim Trail Use and Rail Banking (the “Lease Agreement”).

ESRTF has, along with CAC, decided to terminate trail use over the 0.52-mile portion of the Rail Line between the end of the line at milepost 94.8 and milepost 94.28 (the “Terminated Segment”) as shown on the map enclosed herewith. ESRTF and CAC will amend the Lease Agreement to exclude the Terminated Segment effective concurrently with the effective date that the Terminated Segment is vacated.

In accordance with ordering paragraph 7 of the July 5, 2022 Decision, ESRTF gives notice of its intent to terminate trail use over the Terminated Segment, and requests that the NITU for the Terminated Segment be vacated effective as of the later of (a) the date that the Board issues a replacement NITU for the remainder of the Rail Line between milepost 94.28 and milepost 45.7, or (b) fourteen days after the filing of this request.

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Please let us know if there are any questions regarding this filing.

By my signature below, I certify service by e-mail of a copy of this notice and request on counsel for CAC and on the other parties of record shown below.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures
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Exhibit A

