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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 734X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Hamilton, Butler County, OH**

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the letter filed November 8, 2019 by the City of Hamilton, Ohio (“Hamilton”) in which Hamilton seeks an extension of the October 23, 2019 deadline to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the approximately 2.96-mile rail line on CSXT’s Northern Region, Louisville Division, Indianapolis Subdivision between milepost BDA 0.0 and the end of track at approximately milepost BDA 2.96 in Hamilton, Butler County, OH (the “Line”) that is the subject of the above-referenced abandonment proceeding.

CSXT agrees to the requested 180-day extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until May 8, 2020. CSXT has not consummated abandonment of the Line.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until May 8, 2020, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to July 7, 2020, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Gitomer

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Cc: Mr. Werdmann