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**RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 694X), CSX Transportation, Inc.– Abandonment  
Exemption–in McMinn County, TN**

Dear Ms. Brown:

By letter filed July 9, 2019, the City of Athens, TN, on behalf of McMinn County, TN (the “County”) requested that the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) extend the time period by 180 days for the County to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) for a portion of the Southern Region, Huntington-West Division, KD Subdivision between Englewood, milepost OKW 327.0 and milepost OKW 328.47, including both spurs located after OKW 332 (the “Line”).

In *CSX Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment Exemption-in McMinn County, Tenn.*, STB Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 694X) (STB served February 4, 2019), the Board extended the period to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking to July 22, 2019. CSXT has not consummated the abandonment of the Line. CSXT agrees to an extension of the negotiation period requested by the County until January 18, 2020. As provided in 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until January 18, 2020, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to March 18, 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.

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This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

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Cc: Mr. Fesmire