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RE: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 736X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—  
Abandonment Exemption—in Knoxville, Knox County, TN**

Dear Ms. Brown:

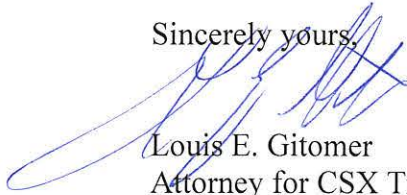
CSXT Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") responds to the letter filed June 26, 2017, by the City of Knoxville ("Knoxville") in which Knoxville seeks a 180-day extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the approximately a 1.18-mile rail line on CSXT's Second Creek Spur on the Central Region, Huntington Division, KD Subdivision between milepost OKS 275.09 (Valuation Station 15304+87), at the end of track, and milepost OKS 276.27 (Valuation Station 15368+89), near West Baxter Avenue in Knoxville, Knox County, TN (the "Line").

CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until October 19, 2017. 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 October 19, 2017, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to December 18, 2017, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully request that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

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: Mayor Madeline Rogero