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Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 699X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. —
Abandonment Exemption—in McMinn County, Tennessee*

Dear Ms. Brown:

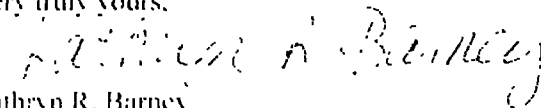
Reference is made to the letter, dated September 8, 2011 (and received by the Board on September 13, 2011), from Mr. Anthony Casteel on behalf of the City of Athens, Tennessee (the "City") to the Board, requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (the "Extension Request") in the above-entitled proceeding. The present NITU negotiating period is set to expire on October 31, 2011.

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the City, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the City. Accordingly, CSXT agrees to a 180-day extension of time (i.e., until April 28, 2012) to continue negotiations for interim trail use/rail banking with the City.

As provided in 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the NITU negotiating period until April 28, 2012, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to June 27, 2012, 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.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,


Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Anthony Casteel