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Via E-Filing

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Re: *The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, AB-290 (Sub-No. 335X); and Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia Railway Company– Abandonment Exemption – In Gadsden, Etowah County, Alabama, AB-290 (Sub-No. 340X)*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Per a letter entered into the Board's record on March 16, 2016, the Alabama Trails Commission on behalf of the City of Gadsden ("City") requests that the Board extend the period of time allowed for the parties to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking ("NITU") in the above-captioned proceedings.¹ The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company and Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company hereby notify the Board that they have not yet consummated the abandonment and desire to consent to the City's request for an 180-day extension of the negotiation period for a possible interim trails use arrangement on the lines that are the subject of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,



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Company and Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia
Railway Company

cc: All parties of record
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¹ Per the Board's stamp decision served October 9, 2015, the NITU period expires on March 19, 2016.