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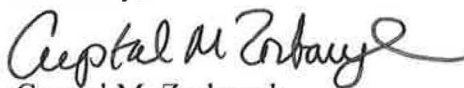
Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

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:

The Alabama Trails Commission, on behalf of the City of Gadsden, Alabama ("City"), has requested by letter dated September 5, 2018¹ 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.² 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 a 180-day extension of the negotiation period for a possible NITU arrangement on the rail lines that are the subject of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,



Crystal M. Zorbaugh
Attorney for The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company
and Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia
Railway Company

cc: All Parties of Record
Greg Summy
Laura Hoag
Scott Plum

¹ A copy of the City's letter is attached.

² Per the Board's stamp decision served March 14, 2018, the NITU period expires today, September 5, 2018.

Alabama

Trails Commission

Post Office Box 5690 | Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5690

September 5, 2018

Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Request for 180-day NITU Extension for Negotiations
TENNESSEE, ALABAMA, AND GEORGIA RAILWAY COMPANY - ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION - IN GADSDEN, ETOWAH COUNTY, ALA; docket Number: AB_290_335_x and
AB_290_340_X

Dear Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

This request is filed by the Alabama Trails Commission on behalf of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the "proponent." The proponent remains engaged in discussions with Norfolk Southern Railway Company, the Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company, and the Alabama Trails Commission toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the like and interconnecting lines owned by the company by the proponent.

The Alabama Trails Commission hereby requests and additional 180-day period effective September 5, 2018 in which to continue negotiations with the Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia Railway Company, a totally owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company. Norfolk Southern is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations with the Alabama Trails Commission and the City of Gadsden, Alabama. Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I service a copy of this statement upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company by email. This letter will be E-filed by the Alabama Trails Commission on the City of Gadsden's behalf.

Sincerely,



Amy Rauworth
Chair

Cc Via E-mail:
Craig Orcutt, Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Shane Ellison, City of Gadsden
William A. Mullens, Baker & Miller PLLC