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Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

Re: Request for 6-month NITU Extension for Negotiations with Alabama and Florida Railway Co., Inc. & CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – in Geneva, Coffee, and Covington Counties, AL: STB Docket Number AB (Sub-No. 1073X)

Dear Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

This request is filed by the Alabama Trails Commission, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the “proponent.” The proponent remains engaged in discussions with CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) and Alabama and Florida Railway Co., Inc. (A & F) toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the rail line and interconnecting lines owned by CSX.

The STB has granted the proponent’s request in the past to impose interim trail use/rail banking to allow for negotiating the acquisition of the rail line for use. We are actively engaged in the acquisition process with the City of Andalusia recently commissioning an appraisal of the western 16 +/- miles of the corridor between Andalusia and Opp, and will need time to finish this process. We hope that the board will continue to grant the NITU. CSX and A & F are amenable to this extension and continued negotiations. We would like a 6-month extension beginning on April 12, 2018.

By my signature below, the Alabama Trails Commission will e-file this letter with STB and service a copy of it upon CSX by email and A & F by email.

Respectfully Submitted,



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