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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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Re: CSX Railroad Abandonment in Alachua County (STB Docket No. AB-55-718-x)

Dear Ms. Brown:

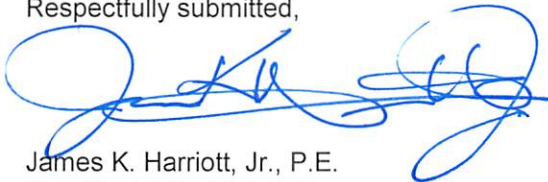
This request is filed on behalf of Alachua County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida. Alachua County requests a 180-day extension of the notice of interim trail use ("NITU") issued by the Surface Transportation Board in this proceeding by decision on August 18, 2016, and served August 19, 2016.

Alachua County and CSX, Inc. continue to work toward a trail use agreement, but need additional time to continue and complete negotiations. To successfully preserve this corridor for interim trail use and railbanking, it is necessary for the negotiation period under the NITU to be extended. Alachua County respectfully requests an additional 180-day extension to continue negotiations.

As a political subdivision of the State, Alachua County respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: CSX Transportation, Inc.
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