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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: **Docket No. AB-1073X, *Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Geneva, Coffee and Covington Counties, Ala.***

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) and Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc. (“A&F”) respond to the letter filed April 12, 2019 by the Alabama Trails Commission (“ATC”) seeking an extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking (copy attached).

CSXT, as the owner of the real estate underlying the Line, and A&F, as the operator of the Line, agree with the six-month extension of time from April 12, 2019¹ to October 9, 2019 to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the 42.9-mile line of railroad between Andalusia, AL, milepost 581.3, and Geneva, AL, milepost 624.2 (the “Line”). CSXT sold the track and materials and the common carrier obligation to the predecessor of A&F while retaining ownership of the real estate and leasing it to A&F. A&F has not consummated the abandonment of the Line. The Amendment to the Conditional Lease dated February 16, 2012 between CSXT and A&F is still effective.

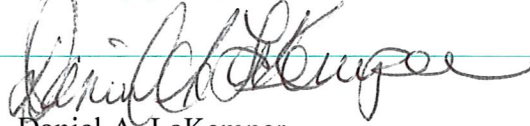
As provided in 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until October 9, 2019, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides A&F with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to December 8, 2019, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT and A&F respectfully request that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period applies in this instance.

¹ CSXT and A&F recognize that the date at the end of paragraph 2 in the ATC letter contains a typographical error and meant to use the year 2019.

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CSXT and A&F are efileing this response. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel A. LaKemper", written over a horizontal blue line.

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