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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 718X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Alachua County, FL**

Dear Ms. Brown:

By letter filed July 11, 2019, Alachua County filed a request for a 180-day extension to continue to negotiate interim trail use for an approximately 11.62 miles of rail line on CSX Transportation, Inc.'s ("CSXT") Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, West Coast Subdivision, between milepost AR 716.88, at High Springs, and milepost AR 726.69, at Newberry, and milepost ARB 717.11, at High Springs, and milepost ARB 718.92, at High Springs, in Alachua County, FL (the "Line"). After more than four years of negotiations, CSXT has determined that it is unlikely to reach an agreement for interim trail use in the foreseeable future. Therefore, CSXT does not agree to an extension of time to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking arrangement for the Line with Alachua County.

This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

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Cc: Deputy County Manager James K. Harriott, P.E.