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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 691X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. -
 Abandonment Exemption-in Worcester County, MA*

Dear Ms. Brown:

By Notice of Exemption served on November 20, 2008, in the above-entitled proceeding, the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") provided that the abandonment of the CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") 4.2-mile line of railroad between milepost QBU 0.0 (Fitchburg) and milepost QBU 4.2 (Leominster), in Worcester County, MA (the "Line") would become effective on December 20, 2008, and that until November 20, 2009 CSXT could effect abandonment. By decision served on November 19, 2009, the Board granted CSXT an extension of the consummation date until November 20, 2010.

On November 18, 2010, the Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC ("GHLR") filed a request for a Notice of Interim Trail Use and Abandonment ("NITU") and a one year period for negotiation. CSXT agreed to the request. On December 27, 2010, the Board served a NITU authorizing negotiations between GHLR and CSXT for a one year period ending December 27, 2011. In a decision served on December 13, 2011, the Board extended the NITU negotiating period until December 27, 2012. In a decision served on February 13, 2013, the Board extended the NITU negotiating period until December 27, 2013.

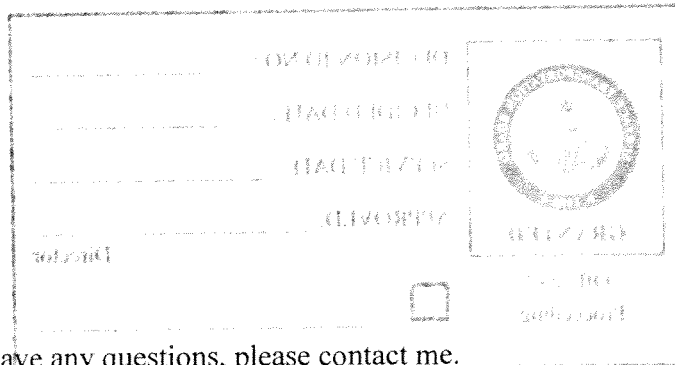
The lawsuit regarding the Line has been settled and CSXT has not yet consummated abandonment. GHLR and CSXT have negotiated during the period, but even though they have made progress, they have not reached a final agreement. Therefore, GHLR respectfully requests that the Board grant a one year extension of the negotiation period until December 27, 2014.

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Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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