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Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: CSX Transportation Abandonment of the Athens Branch in McMinn County, Tennessee,
(STB Docket No. AB-55/Sub No. 694X)**

Dear Secretary:

I am writing on behalf of McMinn County, Tennessee to request another 180-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above captioned proceeding with respect to the 6.4-mile portion of the line ("the Athens Branch") that extends northwest from near Englewood to Athens. (between OKW327.0 and OKW333.4 including both spurs located after OKW 332). Pursuant to the attached February 13, 2015 decision ("the Decision") and the January 28, 2019 granted extension of the Surface Transportation Board ("the Board"), an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking expires July 22, 2019 ("Negotiating Deadline").

As previously reported, McMinn County has completed the purchase of OKW332.61 to OKW328.47 and would request that the extension be relative to the remainder of the above-mentioned line which is from OKW328.47 to OKW327.0. We are in the process of negotiations with CSX and need additional time to bring this to fruition.

The County respectfully requests an extension to January 18, 2020 (180 calendar days for the Negotiating Deadline). In addition, the County respectfully requests a waiver of the Boards filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

Austin Fesmire
City of Athens

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Jessica Braig, CSX
John Gentry, McMinn County Mayor
C. Seth Sumner, Athens City Manager

 GRANTED Office of Proceedings	DECISION ID NO. 47120
	DECIDED DATE: 7/22/2019
	SERVED DATE: 7/22/2019
	APPROVED:  Director
	☒ Extended to 1/18/2020

Attachment: February 13, 2015 Decision
January 28, 2019 Decision

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