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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 763X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Logan County, WV**

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSXT Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) responds to the letter filed October 16, 2019, by the Georgetown and High Line Railway Company, LLC (“GHL”) in which GHL seeks a one-year extension of time to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking for the approximately 3.29-mile railroad line on CSXT’s Southern Region, Florence Division, Logan Subdivision, from milepost CLX 0.0, near Man, to milepost CLX 3.29 near Garnette, in Logan County, WV.

CSXT agrees to the requested extension of the interim trails use/rail banking negotiation period until October 24, 2020. There is a regulatory barrier to consummation of this abandonment (as provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2)) because CSXT has not completed the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, as required by CSX *Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment Exemption-in Logan County, W. Va.*, Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 763) (served October 26, 2016). CSXT has not consummated the abandonment of the Line.

As provided in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the extension of the trail negotiation period until October 24, 2020, creates a regulatory barrier to consummation of the abandonment, which provides CSXT with an additional 60 days to consummate the abandonment to December 23, 2020, if trail negotiation is unsuccessful. CSXT respectfully request that the Board confirm that the extension of the consummation period as provided in the regulations applies in this instance.

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I certify that I have this day served copies of this letter upon all parties of record in this proceeding by email.

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

Sincerely yours,

/s/ *Louis E. Gitomer*

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