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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: **Docket No. AB-1294X, *Eighteen Thirty Group, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Allegany County, MD***
Docket No. AB-1293X, *Georges Creek Railway—Discontinuance Exemption—in Allegany County, MD*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Eighteen Thirty Group, LLC (“Eighteen Thirty”) and Georges Creek Railway (“Georges Creek”) notify the Surface Transportation Board that (pursuant to decisions served on February 21, 2020 and March 20, 2020 granting abandonment and discontinuance authority¹), on April 17, 2024 at 12:01 am Eighteen Thirty and Georges Creek each consummated the discontinuance of service over the approximately 7.54-mile railroad line, between Milepost BAI 26.00, in Moscow, and Milepost BAI 18.46 in Shaft, in Allegany County, MD (the “Line”), in the above-entitled proceeding.

Eighteen Thirty and Georges Creek are consummating the discontinuance within 60 days of the termination of trail use negotiations with Allegany County, Maryland, which occurred on February 18, 2024,² as required by 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(e)(2). Eighteen Thirty recognizes that by only consummating the discontinuance of service before April 18, 2024, Eighteen Thirty will be required to refile for abandonment authority in the future.

I certify that this letter has been served by first class mail postage pre-paid or email on all parties of record to this proceeding.

¹ *Eighteen Thirty Group, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Allegany County, Md.*, STB Docket No. AB-1294X (STB served February 21, 2020) and *Eighteen Thirty Group, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Allegany County, Md.*, STB Docket No. AB-1294X (STB served March 20, 2020).

² The trail use negotiating period was extended until February 18, 2024, pursuant to *Eighteen Thirty Group, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Allegany County, Md.*, STB Docket No. AB-1294X (STB served February 16, 2023).

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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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Georges Creek Railway

Cc: Maryland Public Service Commission