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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 257X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment Exemption - in Blackford County, IN –
Request for Extension of Consummation Date Deadline

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) hereby requests that the Board grant NSR an extension of the deadline date to consummate abandonment of the 8.60-mile rail line that was the subject of the captioned proceeding. The line extends between milepost RK-130 00 at Converse and milepost RK 138 60 at Hartford City, in Blackford County, IN.

Salvage activities are ongoing and because some of the property is not owned in fee, NSR believes it should not consummate the abandonment until the work on the line has been completed. Under these circumstances, NSR requests that the Board grant to NSR an extension of the deadline date to consummate the abandonment in the proceeding to August 22, 2008. If the salvage is complete before that time, NSR will advise the Board and consummate the abandonment.

Yours very truly,

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