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VIA E-FILINGChief of Case Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Polk County, Iowa, AB-290 (Sub-No. 424X)

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart G – Special Rules for Petitions for Abandonments, on April 13, 2026, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) filed a Petition for Exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 for the abandonment of an approximately 12.2-mile long rail line, extending from Milepost DU 340.8 +/- to Milepost DU 353.0 +/-, together with the unmileposted Clive Spur (collectively, the “Grimes Line”), all in Polk County, Iowa. In addition, Iowa Interstate Railroad, LLC (“IAIS”) jointly filed to discontinue its lease and operation authority over the Grimes Line.

On April 27, 2026, Polk County Conservation Board, the Cities of Des Moines, West Des Moines, Windsor Heights, Urbandale, Clive, and Grimes (public agencies) and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation filed a request for a Public Use Condition and a request for interim trail use under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, *et seq.* NSR is writing to inform the Surface Transportation Board that it consents to issuance of a public use condition and a Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”). NSR further confirms that it is willing to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement with the trail sponsor(s), consistent with the Board’s rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Parties of Record (via E-Filing)