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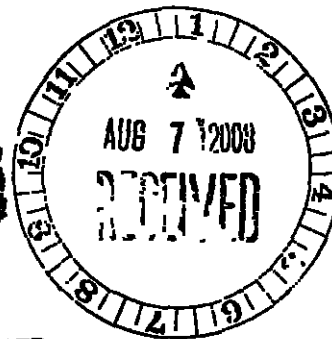
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RE: Request for 180-day ITU Extension for Negotiations;
Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment
in Marion, Grant County, Indiana, STB Docket No.
AB-290(Sub-No. 291X)

Dear Ms Quinlan:

This request is filed on behalf of the City of Marion, Indiana, which is a municipal corporation, and Greenways Foundation, Inc., which is a non-profit conservation group, both of which are hereinafter referred to as the "proponents". The proponents have contacted Norfolk Southern Corporation and are engaged in discussions toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and interim trail use of the line by the proponents.

On November 19th, 2007, the proponents filed with the STB for issuance of a Public Use Condition, as well as a Certificate of Notice of Interim Trail Use rather than an outright abandonment authorization between Milepost TS 153 35 to Mile Post TS 157.01.

On January 28, 2008, the STB granted Norfolk Southern Railway Company's petition for exemption subject to trail use, and the 180-day negotiation period is to expire on August 5th, 2008.

The proponents hereby request an additional 180-day period in which to continue negotiations with Norfolk Southern on this

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matter. It is the proponents' understanding that Norfolk Southern is amenable to this extension. Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I certify service of a copy of this statement upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company, by U S Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 30th day of JULY 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

THE GREENWAYS FOUNDATION

By 

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