

ROANOKE SOUTHERN, LLC

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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Roanoke, Virginia, AB-290
(Sub-No. 389X)

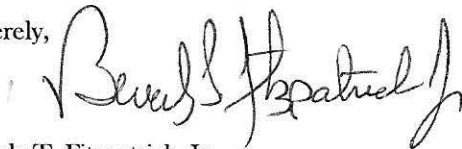
Dear Ms. Brown:

Roanoke Southern, LLC ("RSLLC"), a class III carrier,¹ controlled by the Virginia Museum of Transportation ("VMT"), recently discovered that the Thoroughbred Energy & Environmental Corporation ("TEEC") has filed a Notice Of Intent To File An Offer Of Financial Assistance ("NOI OFA") in Norfolk Southern Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Roanoke, Virginia, AB-290 (Sub-No. 389X).²

The purpose of this letter is to correct the record concerning misleading and/or inaccurate statements made in the NOI OFA regarding RSLLC's alleged interests in the Line and support for the NOI OFA. The opening paragraph of the NOI OFA states that TEEC's NOI OFA is being filed "in the interests of other parties as named below, whose objectives align in preserving rail service over the 0.5 mile of the Roanoke Belt Line."³ Additionally, the NOI OFA focuses almost exclusively on preserving RSLLC's ability to conduct short line operations over the Roanoke Belt Line.⁴ These statements make it appear as if RSLLC and TEEC are jointly pursuing an offer of financial assistance ("OFA") for the Line and that RSLLC supports TEEC's efforts to acquire the Line through the OFA process. TEEC's statements regarding RSLLC's interests and support for the NOI OFA are not accurate. To be clear, RSLLC does not oppose the abandonment of NSR's Line. RSLLC has not authorized TEEC to speak on its behalf nor does RSLLC support the NOI OFA filed by TEEC.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please feel free to contact me directly, by telephone at 540.767.4640 or by e-mail at bfitzpatrick@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr.
President

Filed on behalf of Roanoke Southern, LLC

cc: Parties of Record

¹ See Roanoke Southern, LLC - Acquisition and Operation Exemption - Norfolk Southern Railway Company, FD 35976 (STB served Dec. 31, 2015). RSLLC's approximately 2.42-mile line extends from milepost R 4.5 to milepost R 6.92 in Roanoke, VA and connects to one end of the line proposed for abandonment in the above captioned proceeding.

² RSLCC is aware that on March 3, 2017, Norfolk Southern Railway ("NSR") filed a Verified Notice of Exemption for NSR to abandon rail service over approximately 0.5 miles of rail line extending from milepost R 4.0 to milepost R 4.5 (the "Line").

³ VMT and RSLLC are listed as those interested parties. See OFA NOI at 2.

⁴ See OFA NOI at 2-4.