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via fax: 202-565-9002
Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
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Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 222X) - Norfolk
Southern Railway Company -- Abandonment Exemption -- Between
Bluestone, Mercer County, West Virginia and Pocahontas, Tazewell County,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has not consummated the abandonment of the 1.9-mile rail line between Mileposts PO-0.0 at Bluestone in Mercer County, West Virginia and PO-1.90 at Pocahontas, in Tazewell County, Virginia.

NSR consents to the Board's issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment so that NSR and Historic Pocahontas, Inc. can negotiate and finalize an interim trail use agreement under the National Trails System Act with respect to the right-of-way that is the subject of this proceeding.

Very truly yours,


James R. Paschall

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