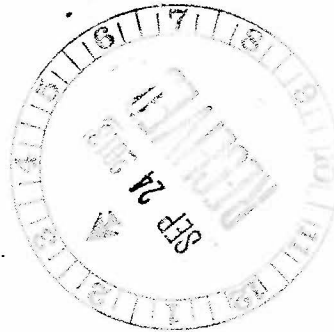




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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment in Etowah County, Alabama
STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub No. 335X) and STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub No. 340X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

This request is filed by the City of Gadsden, Alabama, a public entity, hereinafter referred to as the "Proponent." The Proponent remains engaged in discussions with Norfolk Southern Railway toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and trail use of the line by the Proponent.

On March 28, 2013, the STB granted the Proponent's request to impose interim trail use/railbanking to allow for negotiating the acquisition of the line for trail use expiring September 24, 2013. The Proponent hereby requests an additional 180-day period in which to continue negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railway. Thank you for your consideration.

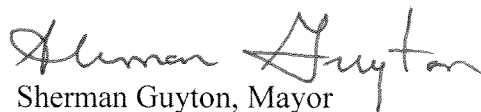
By my signature below, I certify service of a copy of this statement upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company by Federal Express, this 23rd day of September 2013:

Mr. Robert A. Wimbush
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherman Guyton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sherman Guyton, Mayor
City of Gadsden, Alabama