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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 284X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company - Abandonment - in Parchment, Kalamazoo County, Michigan

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) hereby requests a one-year extension of time from the date of November 9, 2007 to November 9, 2008 to consummate the abandonment of the line between milepost CQ 41.3 and milepost CQ 42.7 in Parchment, Kalamazoo County, Michigan that was the subject of these proceedings. NSR and the City of Parchment and the Kalamazoo County Parks are close to agreements concerning the long-term disposition of the line. These agreements are outside of the public use condition or trail use condition procedures.

NSR requests this lengthy extension because although significant progress has been made in reaching agreements and the parties believe agreements will be finalized in the near future, some details remain to be worked out before final agreements can be reached and committed to in writing. The extension will give greater flexibility to NSR and the City of Parchment and the Kalamazoo County Parks in making the most productive future use of this right-of-way without requiring NSR to request shorter extensions of time if the expected imminent agreements are delayed and without pressuring the parties to prepare agreements hurriedly. If the circumstances change, especially if NSR determines that consummation of the abandonment should take place at an earlier date, NSR will then advise the Board and either consummate the abandonment or request any action by the Board that may be appropriate in the circumstances.

Yours very truly,

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