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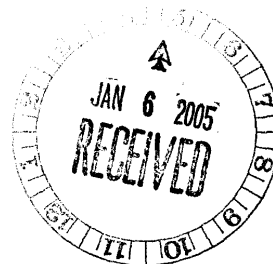
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via fax 202-565-9002
Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 192X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Anderson and Woodford Counties, KY

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) consents to the request of The Kentucky Rails to Trails Council (on behalf of the Tyrone Bridge and Rail Company) to the Surface Transportation Board for a 180-day extension of time for the Trail Use Negotiation Condition in this matter that either has just been filed or is expected to be filed within the next few days. The negotiation for an interim trail use agreement has taken some time because of a change in the negotiating party, the complexity of the transaction which involves a large bridge, and the fact that the trail sponsor's grant request is still pending. Nonetheless, the parties are continuing to negotiate as time and the situation permit with the intent to reach a final interim trail use agreement. NSR has not consummated the abandonment of the line that is the subject of this proceeding.

Very truly yours,

James R. Paschall

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