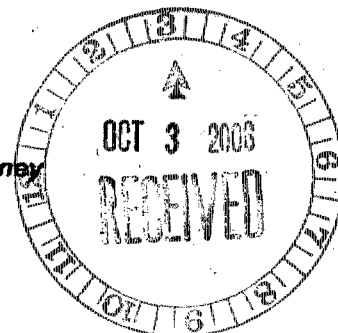


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 268X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Lorain County, OH

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company hereby withdraws the notice of exemption served by the Board on September 18, 2006 and requests that the Board dismiss this proceeding without prejudice to re-filing the notice at a later date. We have just determined that the transaction that was a principal reason for the filing will not be completed. Consequently, NSR is re-evaluating the possible future uses for this line. This is in line with Board precedent including *Almono LP - Abandonment Exemption - In Allegheny County, PA*, STB Docket No. AB-842X (STB served January 28, 2004) and *Maine Central Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Androscoggin County, ME*, STB Docket No. AB-83 (Sub-No. 16X) (STB served Sept. 15, 2000).

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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