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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 238X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment Exemption - in Buchanan County, VA – Consent
to Extension of NITU and Request to Extend Consummation Deadline Date

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) consents to the Board's issuance of a 180-day extension (to February 28, 2006) of the trail use negotiation period that has been requested by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors.

NSR requests that the consummation date deadline be extended to 60 days after the expiration date of the extended trail use negotiation period to April 29, 2006.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours very truly,

James R. Paschall

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