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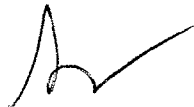
Re: Finance Docket No. 35215
National Railroad Passenger Corporation –
Application Under 49 U.S.C. § 24311(C) to Condemn
Certain Rail Carrier Property in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia –
Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding is the National Railroad Passenger Corporation's Withdrawal of its Notice of Intent to File Application Under 49 U.S.C. § 24311(C) to Condemn Certain Rail Carrier Property and Request for Establishment of Procedural Schedule.

If you have any questions or I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Respectfully,



George W. Mayo, Jr.

cc: All Parties of Record

Enclosure

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 35215

NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION
– APPLICATION UNDER 49 U.S.C. § 24311(C) TO CONDEMN
CERTAIN RAIL CARRIER PROPERTY IN ATLANTA, FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA –
NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

**NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION'S
WITHDRAWAL OF ITS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION UNDER 49 U.S.C. § 24311(C)
TO CONDEMN CERTAIN RAIL CARRIER PROPERTY AND
REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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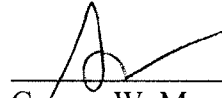
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The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) hereby withdraws its notice of intent to file an application under 49 U.S.C. § 24311(c) to acquire the rail passenger service easement owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company in regard to a 4.30-mile railroad line between mileposts DF 633.10 and DF 637.40, in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

As the Board has been earlier apprised, Amtrak, the Georgia Department of Transportation, The Atlanta Development Authority, and other interested parties have entered into a “Framework Agreement” satisfactory to all parties as regards, among other things, matters pertaining to the subject of the notice of intent. Accordingly, Amtrak is taking the action set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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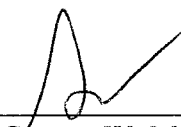
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify this 25th day of March, 2009, that I have caused the foregoing National Railroad Passenger Corporation's Withdrawal of Its Notice of Intent To File Application under 49 U.S.C. § 24311 (c) To Condemn Certain Rail Carrier Property and Request for Establishment of Procedural Schedule to be served as indicated below on the following:

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