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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 265X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company –
Abandonment Exemption, Calhoun County, Alabama**

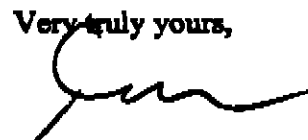
Dear Mr. Williams:

The City of Anniston and Norfolk Southern continues to progress in our negotiations for acquisitions of the proposed abandoned rail corridor for use by the City in the completion of its Chief Ladiga Rails to Trails Programs.

The period for negotiations previously granted by your Board is due to expire on tomorrow, October 25th. Please consider this as the City's request for an additional 120 days extension for the negotiation period. The additional request for extension is necessary to receive final comments by the City's consultants, and to provide adequate time during the holiday period for the City Council to approve all actions necessary for the acquisition.

We are advised that Norfolk Southern will concur in this request.

Very truly yours,


George A. Monk
City Manager

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