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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 272X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company, Abandonment in McDowell County, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), hereby requests a one-year extension of time from the date of December 26, 2007 to December 26, 2008 to consummate the abandonment of the line between milepost CB 0.00 and milepost CB 2.50 in Caretta, McDowell County, West Virginia that was the subject of these proceedings.

NSR requests this lengthy extension because although significant progress has been made in reaching agreements with a private entity to acquire the line, the parties believe agreements will be finalized in the near future, some details remain to be worked out before final agreements can be reached and committed to in writing. The extension will give greater flexibility to the parties in making the most productive future use of this right-of-way without requiring NSR to request shorter extensions of time if the expected imminent agreements are delayed and without pressuring the parties to prepare agreements hurriedly. If the circumstances change, especially if NSR determines that consummation of the abandonment should take place at an earlier date, NSR will then advise the Board and either consummate the abandonment or request any action by the Board that may be appropriate in the circumstances.

Yours very truly,

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