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via fax: 202-565-9002
Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 222X) - Norfolk
Southern Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - Between
Bluestone, Mercer County, West Virginia and Pocahontas, Tazewell County,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

We understand that Historic Pocahontas, Inc. soon will be asking for a 180-day extension of the negotiating period under the Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment, served February 19, 2004, if they have not done so already. NSR consents to the extension of time. Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has not consummated the abandonment of the line. NSR and Historic Pocahontas, Inc. continue to negotiate and hope to complete an interim trail use agreement under the National Trails System Act with respect to the right-of-way of the subject 1.9-mile rail line between Mileposts PO-0.0 at Bluestone in Mercer County, West Virginia and PO-1.90 at Pocahontas, in Tazewell County, Virginia during the next six months.

Very truly yours,

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