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VIA E-FILING

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

RE: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In the City of
Evansville, IN, AB-290 (Sub-No. 411X)

Confirmation – Consummation of Abandonment

Dear Ms. Brown:

On September 29, 2022, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F-Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 0.24-mile rail line extending from milepost +/- 0.00 EB to milepost +/- 0.24 EB in the City of Evansville, IN (the “Line”). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on October 19, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 63569) (“Oct. 19th Decision”). Per the Oct. 19th Decision, requests for interim trail use/rail banking under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 were due on October 31, 2022, and Public Use Conditions under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.28 were due on November 8, 2022. In a subsequent decision served on November 15, 2022, the Board imposed two salvaging conditions.

As stated in previous filings, NSR undertook the abandonment to sell the Line to Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company, Inc., a subsidiary of Vectren – CenterPoint Energy (“SIGEC”) to support power distribution throughout the region. In early December, the City of Evansville (“City”) late-filed for a public use condition and establishment of a Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) for the Line (“December 7th Request”), and on December 9, 2022, NSR filed a Combined Notice of Consummation and Reply in Opposition to the City’s December 7th Request (“Notice of Consummation and Opposition”). On December 14, 2022, the City withdrew its request for a public use condition and NITU. Because NSR filed its Notice of Consummation and Opposition during the pendency of the City’s request, and the Board in granting the City’s request to withdraw its request for a public use condition and NITU did not

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confirm acceptance of NSR's consummation notice, NSR is filing this letter to simply confirm that, consistent with NSR's Notice of Consummation and Opposition, the Line was formally abandoned in December 2022. Per the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) and the Board's October 19, 2022 decision (as modified by the Board's decisions served November 15, 2022, and December 19, 2022), NSR hereby advises the Board that in December 2022 it has exercised the authority granted to it and consummated abandonment of the Line.

If there are any questions concerning this consummation notice, please contact me, NSR's representative, by mail at: Crystal Zorbaugh, Baker & Miller, PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037; by FAX: (202) 663-7849; by e-mail: czorbaugh@bakerandmiller.com; or by telephone: (202) 663-7831. If I am not available, you may also contact William Mullins, who can be reached at (202) 663-7820 or by e-mail at wmullins@bakerandmiller.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ ***Crystal M. Zorbaugh***

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