

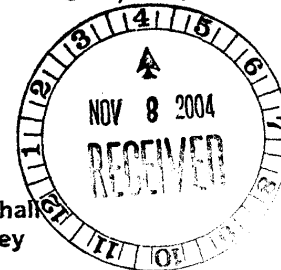


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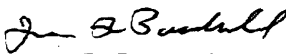
Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 252X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company
- Abandonment Exemption - Between Burkeville, VA and Pamplin City,
VA - In Nottoway, Prince Edward, Cumberland and Appomattox
Counties, Virginia - Petition for Exemption

Dear Mr. Williams:

I attach via fax one copy, and send via Airborne Express eleven copies, of the November 4, 2004 followup letter of the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer in response to the historic report concerning the line of railroad that Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) seeks an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 USC 10903 to abandon in the subject docket. NSR requests that the Board add this letter to NSR's petition for exemption filed September 30, 2004 in this case. This letter was received literally minutes after the previous letter from the SHPO was sent to you with a cover letter via fax within the past hour.

I will send the mail copies of both letters and both of my cover letters to you in the same envelope.

Very truly yours,


James R. Paschall

Enclosures

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
November 8, 2004
Re: AB-290, Sub-No. 252X
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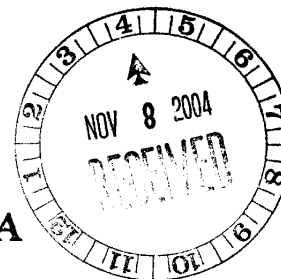
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November 4, 2004

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RE: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 252X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Abandonment of 33.8 Miles of Rail Line from Burkeville to Pamplin City, Virginia
VDHR File No. 2004-0835

Dear Mr. Paschall:

Enclosed please find a copy of our July 1, 2004 letter regarding the above referenced project. We want to take this opportunity to reiterate our earlier comments of July 1st that the proposed abandonment and removal of the 33.8 miles of rail line from Burkeville to Pamplin City, Virginia will constitute an adverse effect to the historic railroad corridor constructed by the Southside Railroad Company between 1849 and 1854.

If you have any questions about the Section 106 review process or our comments, please contact me at (804) 367-2323, Ext. 114.

Sincerely,

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Office of Review and Compliance



Cc: Surface Transportation Board

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