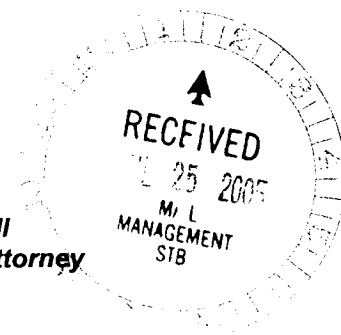




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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 248X), Norfolk Southern Railway  
Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Washington County, NC -  
Letter of Consummation

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company hereby gives notice of the consummation of the abandonment of the 7.3-mile line of railroad between Milepost NS-82.7 at Mackeys, NC and Milepost NS-90.0 at Plymouth, NC, in Washington County, NC that was the subject of this proceeding, effective upon the receipt and acceptance of this letter of consummation by the Board.

In the notice of exemption served July 16, 2004 in the subject proceeding, the consummation deadline date for NSR to exercise the exemption authority with respect to the subject line was set for July 26, 2005. Exercise of the authority under the notice was subject to subject to eight environmental consultation or notice conditions and standard employee protective conditions. Due to the unusual circumstances of this case, compliance with some of the conditions had to be verified after the fact and some of further consultations became necessary. NSR has verified compliance with all the conditions and made the required consultations. NSR sent letters and attachments to the Board's Chief of the Section of Environmental Analysis that reported on these consultations and conditions on March 9, 2005 and June 8, 2005.

In the absence of further requests or actions by the Board, we believe these letters and attachments, along with phone consultations with SEA staff, have fulfilled the environmental consultations and conditions required by the Board's decision served July 26, 2004. Therefore, consummation of the abandonment is appropriate at this time.

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If anything further in fact is required by the Board with respect to this proceeding, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
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