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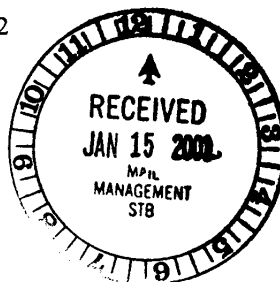
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



Re: STB Finance Docket No. 33928, *Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company* - Construction and Operation - In Indiana County, PA: Affidavit of Publication Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1150.10(f)

Dear Secretary Williams:

On behalf of Applicants Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company in the above-referenced docket, I am submitting an original and ten copies of an "Affidavit of Publication Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1150.10(f)" by John V. Edwards, General Attorney for Norfolk Southern Corporation. Attached to Mr. Edwards' affidavit is a copy of the newspaper notice of Applicants' December 27, 2001 filing with the Surface Transportation Board of an Application for Construction and Operation in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The notice was published in the *Indiana Gazette*, a newspaper of general circulation in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, on January 10, 2002 pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1150.10(f).

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

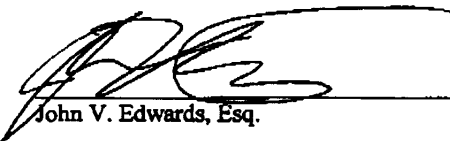
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**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1150.10(f)**

I, John V. Edwards, General Attorney for Norfolk Southern Corporation, do hereby certify that I caused to be published on January 10, 2002 in the *Indiana Gazette* the attached notice of the December 27, 2001 filing by Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company with the Surface Transportation Board of an Application for Construction and Operation in Indiana County, Pennsylvania in Finance Docket No. 33928 ("Application"). The *Indiana Gazette* is a newspaper of general circulation in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, the county in which the proposed rail line that is the subject of the Application is located. This Affidavit of Publication is made in compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. 1150.10(f). I further certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this Affidavit of Publication.

The foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



John V. Edwards, Esq.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2002

NOTICE

Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company - Construction and Operation - Line of Railroad in Indiana County, PA.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of filing of application and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (collectively with their consolidated subsidiaries "NS") have filed an application under 46 U.S.C. 10001(b) for authority to construct and operate a rail line approximately 5.34 miles in length between Saltsburg and Clarksburg, Pennsylvania, in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The construction and operation of the new line - to be called the "Saltsburg Connection" - is part of a larger project that also involves the rehabilitation of 10.89 miles of out-of-service line of railroad between Clarksburg and Shelocta, Pennsylvania, including the improvement of an existing connection with an industrial track near Shelocta, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the construction and rehabilitation is to provide more efficient and effective service to the Reliant Energy Keystone Generating Plant at Shelocta, Pennsylvania. The Board will entertain comments and replies on whether this application meets the criteria of 46 U.S.C. 10001.

DATES: Comments are due on January 31, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to STB Finance Dept. No. 33236 to Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1025 K St., N.W., Washington, DC 20002-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicant's representative: Constance A. Eddins, Sledge Austin, Brown & Wood, 1801 K St., N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph E. Bodnar, GMD 866-1800, TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-3339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 27, 2001, Norfolk Southern Corporation, a domestic carrier, and Norfolk Southern Railway Company, a carrier filed an application under 46 U.S.C. 10001(b) for authority to construct and operate a rail line approximately 5.34 miles in length between Saltsburg and Clarksburg, Pennsylvania, in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The construction and operation of the new line - to be called the "Saltsburg Connection" - is part of a larger project that also involves the rehabilitation of 10.89 miles of out-of-service line of railroad between Clarksburg and Shelocta, PA and the improvement of an existing connection with an industrial track near Shelocta, PA. The primary purpose of the construction and rehabilitation is to provide more efficient and effective service to the Reliant Energy Keystone Generating Plant at Shelocta, Pennsylvania.

Environmental review of the application under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related environmental laws is currently ongoing by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA). The Board is engaged in this environmental review in the capacity of the lead agency for environmental review. Because a third-party environmental consult-

ant has been retained to prepare the necessary environmental documentation under the Board's direction, the Board's environmental reporting requirements do not apply to this application. See 46 CFR 1102.1040.

NS indicates that the proposed line of the Saltsburg Connection will be constructed and operated in accordance with the terms of a contract between NS and the proposed construction. NS states that the proposed construction will permit it to avoid a longer, more mountainous route through the Forest, saving substantial time, money, power, and energy. In addition, NS states that the new route into the Plant will have a substantially greater capacity, enabling it to divert substantial traffic now moving by truck into the Plant. NS states that the project will result in material environmental benefits.

Written comments (an original and 10 copies) on the application to construct and operate the above-described rail lines must be filed with the Board not later than January 31, 2002. Comments must contain the basis for the party's position either in support or opposition, and must contain the name and address of the commenting party. The Applicant must be concurrently served with a copy of each comment.

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On this 10 day of January 2002, A.D.,

before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared:

Cheryl J. Brown

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January 10, 2002

Affiant further deposes and says that (s)he is an employee of the publisher of the said daily newspaper and has been authorized to verify the foregoing statement and the (s)he is not interested in the subject matter of the aforesaid notice or publication and that all allegations in the foregoing statement as to time, place, and character of publication are true.

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By:

Cheryl J. Brown

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year aforesaid.

Deanna L. Adamson

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Indiana Printing & Publishing Company, publishers of the Indiana Gazette, a daily newspaper, hereby acknowledges receipt of the aforesaid advertising and publication costs, and certifies the same have been fully paid.

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