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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 268X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Lorain County, OH

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company hereby withdraws the notice of exemption served by the Board on September 18, 2006 and requests that the Board dismiss this proceeding without prejudice to refile the notice at a later date. We have just determined that the transaction that was a principal reason for the filing will not be completed. Consequently, NSR is re-evaluating the possible future uses for this line. This is in line with Board precedent including *Almono LP - Abandonment Exemption - In Allegheny County, PA*, STB Docket No. AB-842X (STB served January 28, 2004) and *Maine Central Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Androscoggin County, ME*, STB Docket No. AB-83 (Sub-No. 16X) (STB served Sept. 15, 2000).

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


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