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VIA E-FILING

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Polk County, Iowa, AB-290 (Sub-No. 341X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) hereby requests an additional one-year extension, until September 19, 2018, of the abandonment authority granted to NSR in the above-captioned proceeding. Currently, NSR’s abandonment authority expires on September 19, 2017, per the Board’s decision served September 27, 2016. Unfortunately, salvage and consummation will not be able to be complete by the current deadline.

Over the past year, NSR has continued to work towards resolving the salvaging conditions and consummating its abandonment authority in this proceeding.¹ NSR just recently resolved the salvaging conditions imposed by the Board in its November 26, 2013 decision, but due to various reasons, NSR will be unable to salvage and consummate prior to the deadline. As

¹ The conditions imposed by the Board include the following: (1) prior to salvage activities, NSR will consult with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”) to determine what, if any, permits are needed and, if applicable, comply with any reasonable requirements; and (2) prior to salvage activities, NSR will consult with IDNR’s Conservation and Recreation Division to determine if a Sovereign Lands Construction Permit is required, and, if applicable, NSR will comply with reasonable requirements.

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such, NSR is requesting more time to consummate the abandonment process consistent with the Board's November 26, 2013 decision. Should you have any questions, please contact me directly by telephone: 202-663-7831, or by e-mail: czorbaugh@bakerandmiller.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Crystal M. Zorbaugh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Crystal" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Zorbaugh".

Crystal M. Zorbaugh

Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

cc: All parties of record
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