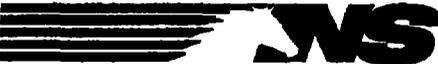


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RE: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 309X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment - In Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee

Dear Ms. Brown:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) hereby requests that the Board grant NSR an extension of the deadline date to consummate abandonment of the 0.66-mile rail line that was the subject of the captioned proceeding. The line extends between milepost 15.50 KA and milepost 16.16 KA, in Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee.

In its decision served June 25, 2010, the Board ordered that NSR's notice of consummation must be filed on or before July 2, 2011.

Since the consummation date is near, NSR wishes to advise the Board that salvage of the track and materials on the rail line is not complete and, therefore, NSR hereby requests that the Board grant a one-year extension of the date to consummate the abandonment.

Yours very truly,

Greg E. Summy

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