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## VIA E-FILING

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief  
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption –  
In Prince Edward County, Virginia*, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No.  
361X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) in connection with the above-referenced proceeding to request relief from the consummation notice requirements set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2). For the reasons set forth below, NS hereby requests a 1-year extension of the applicable consummation notice deadline.<sup>1</sup>

During circulation of the Environmental & Historic Report (“E&HR”), NS served the Virginia Department of Historic Resources State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”) a copy of the E&HR and solicited its feedback. In response, the SHPO requested certain additional information and requested that NS perform archival research and report back to the SHPO the results of the research. As a result of the SHPO’s comments, the Board’s Environmental Assessment (“EA”) served on April 11, 2014 recommended the standard Section 106 historic condition, which was imposed by the Board in a decision served on May 6, 2014. NS responded to the SHPO’s concerns, and in a subsequent decision served August 29, 2014, the Board removed the Section 106 condition.

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<sup>1</sup> Per the Board’s decision served on April 7, 2014, NS had until April 7, 2015 to consummate its abandonment.

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Due to the imposition of the condition and the time it took to resolve the SHPO's concerns, NS' actions in consummating the abandonment have been delayed significantly and salvage will not be accomplished by April 7, 2015, despite NS' best efforts. Therefore, NS requests a 1-year extension of time to consummate the abandonment. NS would appreciate prompt action on this matter. Please let me know if you require anything else in order to grant the subject extension.

Sincerely,



William A. Mullins

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