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

Re: *The Alabama Great Southern Railway Company – Abandonment  
Exemption – In Saint Bernard Parish, Louisiana, STB Docket No. AB-  
290 (Sub-No. 323X)*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”), on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiary, The Alabama Great Southern Railway Company, hereby requests that the Board grant an additional one-year extension of the consummation notice deadline for the abandonment of the 3.50-mile rail line that is the subject of the above-captioned proceeding. The rail line extends between milepost 1.00 PT and milepost 4.50 PT in Saint Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

On March 20, 2012, the Board granted NSR an extension permitting NSR until April 7, 2013, to file a notice of consummation of abandonment in this case. NSR has since determined that it will not be able to accomplish abandonment of the subject rail line by the current deadline, and thus will need further relief from the consummation notice requirements set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2). Extensions of the applicable consummation notice deadline are contemplated under the regulation for good cause shown.

In this case, NSR has not yet satisfied the environmental consultation preconditions to track salvage as set forth in the Board’s decision in this proceeding served on April 29, 2011. Accordingly, NSR requires more time than is permitted under the current regulatory deadline to complete such consultation and, following such consultation, to accomplish track salvage prior to

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consummation of the proposed abandonment. For this reason, NSR respectfully requests that the Board grant an extension of the subject consummation notice deadline until April 7, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Wimbish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert A. Wimbish  
Attorney for Norfolk Southern  
Railway Company

cc: All parties of record  
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