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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: Chesapeake Western Railway – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties, VA, AB-290 (Sub-No. 387X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

On June 27, 2016, Chesapeake Western Railway ("CW"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR"), filed a notice of exemption ("Notice") pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights to permit CW to discontinue rail service over an approximately 15.1-mile rail line (referred to herein as the "Line") extending from milepost CW 84.4 (at Mt. Jackson, VA) to milepost CW 99.5 (at Broadway, VA) in Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties, VA. As indicated in the Notice, the Line traverses through United States Postal Service Zip Code territories 22842, 22847, 22844, 22853, and 22815.

The Board served the Notice on July 15, 2016. In the process of preparing to consummate its discontinuance authority, CW discovered that the Notice included two incorrect statements that it needs to correct. First, the Notice inadvertently included an incorrect milepost, which would leave a 0.4-mile "island" segment outside of the discontinuance authority. The starting milepost should have been CW 84.0 in the Notice.¹

¹ Both the Notice and the accompanying map state the starting point is milepost CW 84.4 (at Mt. Jackson, Virginia). However, the correct milepost for Mt. Jackson, Virginia is actually CW 84.0; this typographical mistake changes the total length of the Line to 15.5 miles. Despite the addition of four-tenths of a mile, the zip codes remain the same and the physical location of the line is depicted correctly on the map. In the past, the Board has granted similar requests to clarify a mistaken milepost. See Lake State Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Alpena and Presque Isle Counties, MI, AB-534 (Sub-No. 2X) (STB served May 6, 2004); see

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Second, the Line for which CW sought discontinuance authority is actually owned by CW's parent company, NSR.² The Notice, which was based on CW's filing, states: "Further Board approval is required for CW to abandon service on the Line." NSR should be inserted in lieu of CW in that statement.

CW respectfully requests that the Board clarify that its decision to grant CW's Notice as issued on July 15, 2016 should be for a total of 15.5 miles extending from milepost CW 84.0 (at Mt. Jackson, VA) to milepost CW 99.5 (at Broadway, VA) in Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties, VA. CW regrets any inconvenience that this inadvertent error may have caused. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 663-7831.

Sincerely,



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Counsel for Chesapeake Western Railway

Enclosures

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also Georgia Southwestern Division, South Carolina Central Railroad Co. – Abandonment Exemption – In Dodge and Wilcox Counties, GA, AB-385 (Sub-No. 1X) (STB served Jan. 22, 1996).

² In 1989, Southern Railway Company ("SRC") leased its line extending from milepost B 84.0 (at Jackson, VA) to milepost B 112.00 to CW. See Chesapeake Western Railway – Lease and Operation Exemption – Southern Railway Company, FD 31339 (STB served Feb. 14, 1989). NSR is the successor to SRC.