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VIA E-FILING

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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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, 2017, of the abandonment authority granted to NSR in the above-captioned proceeding. Currently, NSR’s abandonment authority expires on September 19, 2016, per the Board’s decision served September 18, 2015. Despite NSR’s best efforts, salvage will not be able to be complete by the current deadline because NSR is still actively attempting to resolve various salvaging conditions imposed by the Board in its November 26, 2013 decision.¹

Over the past year, NSR has continued to work towards consummating its abandonment authority in this proceeding. However, due to various reasons, NSR has been unable to complete the consultation and salvage process. As such, NSR needs additional time to complete the

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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consultation and salvage process consistent with the Board's November 26, 2013 decision. Should you have any questions, please contact me directly by telephone: 202-663-7823, or by e-mail: wmullins@bakerandmiller.com.

Sincerely,



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