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Re: *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Discontinuance of Service
Exemption – In Clermont, Brown and Adams Counties, Ohio*, STB Docket
No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 370X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

By petition filed on September 30, 2014, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) sought an exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 to discontinue service over an approximately 40.7-mile rail line, extending from milepost CT 32.83 at Williamsburg, Ohio, to milepost CT 73.50 at Plum Run, in Clermont, Brown, and Adams Counties, Ohio (the Line). By a decision served January 15, 2015, NSR's petition for exemption was granted, subject to standard employee protective conditions. The exemption will become effective on February 14, 2015.

NSR is writing to inform the Board that it will not effectuate discontinuance of the portion of the Line between milepost CT 32.83 and milepost CT 62.20. NSR has reached an agreement with CCET, LLC (CCET), who already leases a portion of the track connecting to the Line,¹ for CCET to lease the portion of the Line between milepost CT 32.83 to milepost 62.20. CCET will file separately for authority to lease and operate the line. The remaining portion of the Line subject to this discontinuance proceeding, between milepost CT 62.20 and milepost CT 73.50, will be discontinued when the exemption becomes effective on February 14, 2015.

¹ See CCET, LLC—Lease and Operation Exemption—Rail Line of Norfolk Southern Railway Company, FD 35810 (STB served April 4, 2014).

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Respectfully submitted,



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