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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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 GRANTED Office of Proceedings	DECISION ID NO.: <u>43344</u>
	DECIDED DATE: <u>9/18/13</u>
	SERVICE DATE: <u>9/18/13</u>
	APPROVED: <u>Rachel D Campbell</u> Director
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Re: *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment and Discontinuance
of Service Exemption – In Lake County, Indiana, and Cook County,
Illinois,
STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 336X)*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) hereby requests a one-year extension of its abandonment authority in the above-referenced proceeding (until September 24, 2014), which otherwise would expire as of September 24, 2013 (the deadline for the filing of a notice of consummation) as was intended to be set forth in the exemption notice served by the Board in this proceeding on September 24, 2012.¹

NSR has not yet completed the consultation precondition to salvage set forth in the Director’s Order served on October 23, 2012, and NSR has not yet commenced salvage activity. (NSR prefers not to file notice of consummation in this proceeding unless and until salvage activity associated with the proposed abandonment is completed.)

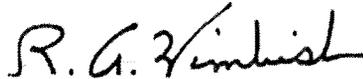
¹ The exemption notice served in this proceeding last year incorrectly states that the notice of consummation deadline is October 24, 2013, but NSR has ascertained that, according to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), the appropriate deadline is one year from the date of the STB’s service of the notice, which, as mentioned, was September 24, 2012.

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NSR would appreciate prompt action on this matter. Please let me know if you require anything else in order to grant the subject extension.

Sincerely,



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cc: All parties of record
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