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## **BY E-FILING**

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

Re: *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment, Discontinuance of Trackage Rights and Discontinuance of Service - in Cleveland and Rutherford Counties, NC, and Cherokee County, SC, AB-290 (Sub-327X)*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Per letter dated December 4, 2015, the City of Shelby, North Carolina (“City”) requested that the Board extend the period of time allowed for the parties to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking (“NITU”) in the above captioned proceeding. Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) hereby notifies the Board that NSR remains willing to continue to engage in negotiations toward a possible NITU arrangement for the subject rail lines, which extend from milepost SB 144.55 to milepost SB 154.50 and from milepost SB 158.10 to SB 160.00 (the “Line”) in Cleveland County, North Carolina. Thus, NSR consents to the City’s request for a 180-day extension of the negotiation period towards a NITU arrangement for the Line.

Sincerely,



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Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

cc: All parties of record  
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