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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Brown:

Subject: Docket No. FD 35187 (Sub-No. 1)
Grand Elk Railroad, Inc. – Acquisition of Incidental Trackage
Rights Exemption – Norfolk Southern Railway Company

I urge the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to act and resolve the recently disrupted Grand Elk Railroad (Grand Elk) operations in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I understand that Grand Elk is taking necessary legal action to restore its service in Grand Rapids, in the face of CSX Transportation's (CSXT's) contested action. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rick Chapla
Vice President, Strategic Initiatives

CC: All Parties of Record



September 30, 2016

Mr. Jeffrey Herzig
Office of Proceedings
US Surface Transportation Board

RE: Docket No. FD 35187 (Sub-No.1)
Grand Elk Railroad, Inc. – Acquisition of Incidental Trackage Rights Exemption –
Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Dear Jeffrey Herzig:

I certify that I have this day served copies of document upon all parties of record in the proceeding by e-mail.

Thank you,

Rick Chapla
VP Business Development

September 30, 2016

Date