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VIA 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 Exemption – In
Gaston County, NC, AB-290 (Sub-No. 275X)
Notice of Consummation

Dear Ms. Brown:

On September 7, 2006, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. pt. 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 2.0 miles of rail line (hereinafter, the “Line”) extending between milepost HG 45.0 and milepost HG 47.0 in Gaston County, North Carolina. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on September 27, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 56,585). In October 2006, the Board reopened the proceeding and issued a notice of interim trail use (“NITU”) under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), for a portion of the right-of-way between milepost HG 45.0 and milepost 46.8, a distance of 1.8 miles.¹

Per a filing entered into the record on August 4, 2016, the City requested that the Board vacate the previous NITU for an approximately 0.3-mile portion of the right-of-way between Valuation Station 2451+05 and milepost HG 46.8 (the “Released Premises”).² On August 29,

¹ See Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Gaston County, N.C., AB-290 (Sub-No. 275X) (STB served October 26, 2006). The City of Gastonia (the “City”) was and continues to be the trail sponsor.

² On August 24, 2016, the City submitted a letter correcting a typographical error concerning the milepost.

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2016, the Board again reopened the proceeding and issued a replacement NITU (“August 29th Decision”) for the portion of the Line extending from milepost HG 45.0 to Valuation Station 2451+05.³

In accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) and the Board’s August 29th Decision, NSR hereby advises the Board that it has fully exercised the authority granted and consummated abandonment of the approximately 0.3-mile portion known as the Released Premises. Should you have any questions concerning this notice of consummation, please contact the undersigned counsel for NSR.

Sincerely,



William A. Mullins
Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

cc: All parties of record
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Ohio Rail Development Commission, The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

³ In a footnote, the Board reminded NSR it had 60 days to consummate its abandonment of the Released Premises.