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RE: AB-290 (Sub-No 286) – Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Adverse
Abandonment – St. Joseph County, IN

Dear Ms. Brown:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") has reviewed the Joint Petition for Reopening (with exhibits) filed on behalf of the City of South Bend, IN, the Brothers of the Holy Cross, Inc., the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Inc. and Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The record in this proceeding contains a filing made by NSR which contains NSR's views concerning adverse abandonments in general. By this letter, NSR reaffirms the assertions contained in that filing. However, due to the very unique circumstances of this particular situation, NSR does not object to the relief sought by Petitioners. However, please note that NSR does not believe that any decision by the Board in this proceeding should be considered as legal precedent favoring adverse abandonments in general.

Sincerely,

Greg E. Summy

cc: All Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Greg E. Summy, certify that on October 3, 2011, I caused to be served a copy of the foregoing document via first-class mail, postage prepaid, on all parties of record, specifically:

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