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Re: Norfolk Southern Corporation
Stark County, Ohio
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 366X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

This request is filed on behalf of the Stark County Park District, an Ohio political subdivision organized pursuant to Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, hereinafter referred to as the "Proponent". We are requesting a third extension for the "Negotiations in Trail Use" to the Surface Transportation Board for this project.

We are researching and discussing the project with Norfolk Southern and we are in the process of scheduling an upcoming meeting with Norfolk Southern representatives at the site. In conjunction with our research efforts, we have discovered a potential title issue concerning a portion of the corridor proposed for abandonment, which we are working with Norfolk Southern to resolve.

This additional extension will provide us with additional time in which to resolve this title matter and complete our due diligence activities so that we can complete negotiations with Norfolk Southern.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information regarding this request. We appreciate your continued patience and assistance for this initiative, which is important to us, our supporters and the tens of thousands of citizens who enjoy our parks and trails.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Fonte, Park Director
Stark County Park District

cc: Dan Rice, Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition
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