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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Stark County, Ohio, AB-290 (Sub-No. 366X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Per letter dated February 23, 2016, the Stark County Park District (“SCPD”) requested additional time for the parties to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking (“NITU”) in the above captioned proceeding.<sup>1</sup> While the NITU period expired on February 22, 2016, NS has not yet consummated the abandonment. Accordingly, NS hereby notifies the Board that it consents to SCPD’s request for a 180-day extension of the negotiation period towards a possible NITU arrangement on the 1.30 mile line, which extends from milepost EU 0.70 to milepost EU 2.00 in Stark County, Ohio.

Sincerely,



William A. Mullins  
Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

cc: All parties of record  
Maquiling Parkerson  
LaWada Poarch  
Laura Hoag

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<sup>1</sup> Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) has included a copy of SCPD’s letter because while it has been sent to the Board, it has not yet been posted on the Board’s website.



# STARK PARKS

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February 23, 2016

Ms. Cynthia Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Surface Transportation Board  
Office of Proceedings  
395 E Street, Southwest  
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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR)  
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 the provisions of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, currently managing 84.80 miles of trails and 7,022.53 acres of land in Stark County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as 'proponent'.

Per our conversation with LaWada Poarch, Abandonments Coordinator, we are requesting a second extension for the "Negotiation in Trail Use" to the Surface Transportation Board. This extension will allow us additional time necessary to secure an appraisal for the property. In addition, please contact me directly for any future questions or actions at our administrative office listed below.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone (330)-477-3552, or by email at [bfonte@starkparks.com](mailto:bfonte@starkparks.com).

Sincerely,

Robert A. Fonte, Park Director  
Stark County Park District

Cc: Dan Rice  
LaWada Poarch  
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