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Re: *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Calhoun County, Alabama*, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 334X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

In a Director's Order served in the above-referenced proceeding on February 19, 2013 (the "February 19 Notice"), the Board issued notice of Norfolk Southern Railway Company's ("NSR") invocation of the class exemption procedures at 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F, to abandon approximately 1.81 miles of rail line (hereinafter, the "Line") located in Calhoun County, Alabama. Subsequently, in a decision served on March 20, 2013 (the "March 20 Decision"), the Board reopened the subject proceeding, and imposed certain preconditions to salvage of the Line. In that same decision, the Board also issued a notice of interim trails use ("NITU") and a public use condition ("PUC") – both of which were requested by the City of Anniston – which initiated negotiation periods that ended, respectively, on September 16 and 17, 2013.

In the interim, the Board-issued NITU and PUC have both expired in accordance with the prescribed terms, and the negotiation period under the NITU has not been extended. Also in the interim, NSR has complied with the Board-prescribed salvage conditions (including compliance with a requirement in the March 20 Decision that NSR report back to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis concerning certain pre-salvage consultation, which was done on or about May 7, 2013), and has undertaken, and completed, track salvage.

NSR is now taking the step of advising the Board of its formal consummation of abandonment of the entire Line in accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) and the February 19 Notice. Specifically, NSR hereby notifies the Board that it has exercised the authority granted to it under the applicable class exemption, and has fully abandoned the Line.

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Should you have any questions concerning the subject notice of abandonment consummation or any other element of this proceeding, please contact the undersigned counsel for NSR.

Sincerely,



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