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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Re: *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Beaufort County, N.C.*, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 338X)
EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Brown:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) hereby requests a one-year extension of its abandonment authority in the above-referenced proceeding (until September 11, 2014), which otherwise would expire as of today (the deadline for the filing of a notice of consummation) as set forth in the Director’s Order served in this proceeding on September 11, 2012. NSR has not yet completed the consultation preconditions to salvage set forth in a subsequent Director’s Order served on October 10, 2012, and, accordingly, NSR has not yet commenced salvage activity. (NSR would prefer not to file notice of consummation in this proceeding unless and until salvage activity associated with the proposed abandonment is completed.)

We apologize for the last-minute nature of this extension request, will endeavor to avoid such filings in the future, and urge that the Board act favorably upon the request.

Sincerely,



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Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

cc: All parties of record, Maquiling Parkerson, Marc Kirchner. LaWada Poarch