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Via Electronic Mail

The Honorable Vernon Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: STB Docket No AB-290(Sub No 270X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company-  
Discontinuance of Service and STB Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No 281X), Yadkin  
Railroad Company, Abandonment Stanly County, North Carolina)

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Albemarle, North Carolina (the "City") to request a 180 day extension of the deadline for negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS") regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above captioned proceeding. Pursuant to the June 3, 2008 decision of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking must be reached by December 9, 2008. ("Negotiating Deadline")

Although NS and the City have not reached an agreement regarding the NITU, the parties desire to continue negotiations for an NITU. Accordingly, the City respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline to June 9, 2009.

In addition, the City respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002 2(e)(1).

The City is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Raymond I. Allen  
City Manager

Cc: Parties of Record