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RE: Request for 180-day ITU Extension for Negotiations,
Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment
in Marion, Grant County, Indiana, STB Docket No
AB-290(Sub-No 291X)

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Dear Ms. Quinlan

This request is filed on behalf of the City of Marion, Indiana, which is a municipal corporation, and Greenways Foundation, Inc, which is a non-profit conservation group, both of which are hereinafter referred to as the "proponents" The proponents remain engaged in discussions with Norfolk Southern Corporation toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and interim trail use of the line by the proponents. Norfolk Southern representatives are planning to visit Marion in the coming weeks to continue our discussion

On August 25th, 2008, the STB granted the proponent's request to extend the notice of interim trail use or abandonment negotiating period to February 21, 2009.

The proponents hereby request an additional 180-day period in which to continue negotiations with Norfolk Southern on this matter It is our understanding that Norfolk Southern is amenable to this extension Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I certify service of a copy of this statement upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company, by U S Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 19th day of February, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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