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Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K. Street, NW  
Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: DEADLINE EXTENSION REQUEST (from February 15, 2006 to August 15, 2006) for Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment in Spartanburg County, SC, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 261X)

Dear Mr. Williams,

Palmetto Conservation Foundation requests a 180-day extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use negotiating period with Norfolk Southern Railway Company for the section of rail between former milepost W 68.69 and former milepost W 70.61<sup>1</sup> in Spartanburg, SC (STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 261X)).

Norfolk Southern and Palmetto Conservation Foundation are close to an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking this line under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). However, we do not anticipate being able to complete the transaction by the deadline of February 15, 2006. We request that the Surface Transportation Board extend the deadline to August 15, 2006 so the parties may work out final details and draft agreements.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Norfolk Southern, James R. Paschall, Senior General Attorney, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510 by U.S. Mail; postage prepaid, first class, this 9th day of February 2006.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Driggers  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> According to Norfolk Southern Railway (NSR), the line mileposts are described as former because a new main line replaced the subject line as the main line many years ago and that the construction of the new main line resulted in the subject line becoming a stub-end branch line. NSR also states that the milepost numbers were reused on the new line and no new milepost designations were given to the subject line.