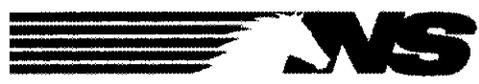
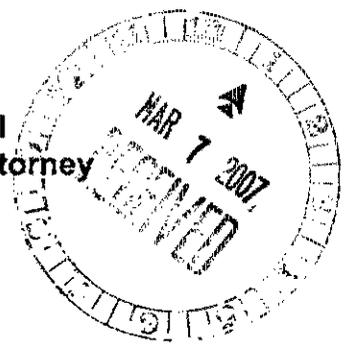


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RE: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 266X), Norfolk Southern Railway  
Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Marion, McDowell  
County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has not consummated the abandonment of the line that is the subject of this proceeding. The interim trail use negotiation condition in this matter is scheduled to expire on April 4, 2007. NSR continues to negotiate with the City of Marion for an interim trail use agreement with respect to the subject line. NSR consents to the Board's issuance of a 180-day extension of the trail use negotiation condition requested by the City of Marion in its letter to the Board dated February 19, 2007.

Sincerely,

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