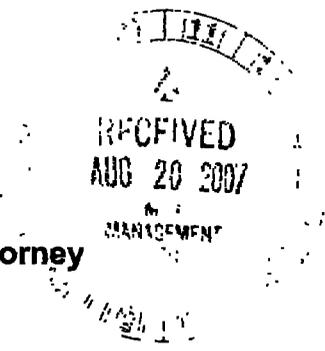




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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 257X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption - in Blackford County, Indiana – Consent to Extension of NITU

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) consents to the extension of the interim trail use negotiation period that expired on August 7, 2007, with respect to the proposed abandonment of 8.60 miles of NSR railroad line between Milepost RK-130.0 at Converse, Indiana, and Milepost RK-138.60 at Hartford City, Indiana, requested by Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. by letter dated August 13, 2007. NSR has not consummated abandonment of the line.

Yours very truly,

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