



220200

CITY OF ANNISTON

P.O. Box 2168
Anniston, AL 36202

OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

August 24, 2007

Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423

VIA FACSIMILE to Vernon A. Williams at 202-245-0464

RE: Norfolk Southern Right-of-Way Company-Abandonment-Calhoun County, Alabama
STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 265X) MP 55.3 N to MP 61.1 North

Dear Sir:

Once again please be advised that the City of Anniston remains in active negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railway for acquisition of the above corridor proposed for abandonment as referenced.

We have made significant strides in our negotiations and I believe that we would be within sixty (60) days of consummating an agreement in respect to this acquisition. Your prior order of February 26, 2007 extended our negotiating period until August 26, 2007 with Norfolk Southern's deadline for filing a Notice of Consummation extended until October 25th.

We are confident that the negotiations presently underway will be fruitful, and therefore request an additional extension from the Board.

Thank you for your courteous consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

George A. Monk
City Manager

GAM/mb

Cc: Alex Rocca via email at alex.rocca@nscorp.com

Mr. James R. Paschall
Norfolk Southern Corporation
Three Commercial Place
Norfolk, VA 23510-2191

ENTERED
Office of Proceedings
SEP 4 2007
Part of
Public Record

TELEPHONE (256) 236-3422
FAX (256) 231-7632
SEP 4 2007