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Elk River Rails-to-Trails Foundation, Inc.

September 6, 2007

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K St., NW, Room 711
Washington, DC 20423



Re: **Extension request:** Norfolk Southern Railway Company -
Abandonment-Kanawha County, West Virginia. STB Docket No. AB-290
(Sub. No. 267X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Elk River Rails to Trails Foundation (ERRTTF) hereby requests an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) negotiation period in the above captioned proceeding.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company has agreed to enter into negotiations for the sale of right of way and the ERRTTF is actively pursuing the purchase.

The parties have yet to agree on terms of the sale. The NITU period will expire on September 13, 2007. Therefore the ERRTTF respectfully requests an extension of the NITU negotiation period until March 13, 2008, in order to permit additional time for negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Allio, Chairman
Elk River Rails To Trails Foundation

cc: Bill Robinson, State Trail Coordinator, West Virginia
Betty Carver, Commissioner of Tourism, West Virginia
Jeff Hutchinson, Director, Kanawha County Parks
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