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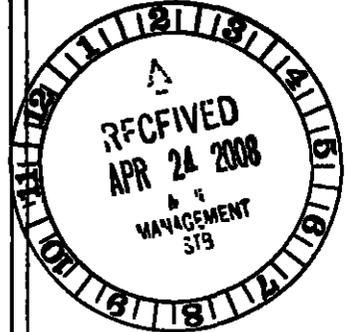
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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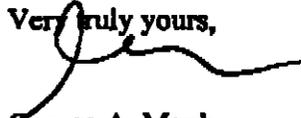
RE. STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 265X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company -
Abandonment Exemption, Calhoun County, Alabama

Dear Mr Williams:

Jack Plunk with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, who has been assisting us in the process of the above referenced abandonment, advised that today was the last day for the negotiating period between the City of Anniston and Norfolk Southern in respect to the subject abandonment. Please advise that we respectfully request an additional ninety (90) days for negotiating this abandonment, and a similar extension to be granted to Norfolk Southern for consummation of the abandonment.

By copy of this letter, I am notifying Norfolk Southern of this request.

Very truly yours,


George A. Monk
City Manager

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Norfolk, VA 23510-2191

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