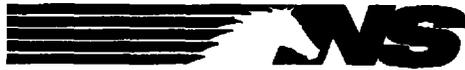


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 243X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company - Abandonment in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County,
North Carolina

NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION

Dear Ms. Brown:

This refers to the STB's decision authorizing abandonment of the line of railroad between milepost R 124.2 and milepost R 126.6, in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, North Carolina, by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR).

In the Board's decision, the STB imposed conditions requiring NSR to consult with specific environmental agencies prior to salvage and submit the results of said consultations in writing to the STB's Section of Environmental Analysis.

The right-of-way property has been sold to the North Carolina Department of Transportation and The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation. Pursuant to the Contract of Purchase and Sale:

" . . . Seller shall retain an easement for railroad and communications purposes over, upon and across the Premises. Purchaser agrees that all railroad tracks and other railroad facilities shall not be removed from the Premises during the existence of Seller's retained easement for railroad and communication purposes.

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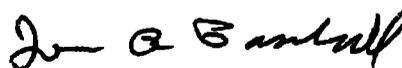
In the deed of conveyance, Seller shall also retain an easement or right of way over, upon and across the Premises for the purpose of reactivating freight rail service over said line of railroad.

If Purchaser removes any or all of the at-grade rail/street crossings on the Premises and should Seller for any reason seek to reactivate its use of said line of railroad, Purchaser, working with the City of Winston-Salem, at the expense of Purchaser, will have the former crossings repaired and resurfaced at no cost to Seller. Seller reserves the right to do a portion or all of the work itself or to require Purchaser to do such."

Since no salvage is taking place on this line, this letter is intended to be NSR's report to SEA concerning the environmental conditions and NSR's notice of consummation. NSR gives notice that abandonment of the line is consummated with and on the date of the filing of this letter with the Board.

This notice has been sent to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Rail Division, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(e)(2).

Yours very truly,



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cc: Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis
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