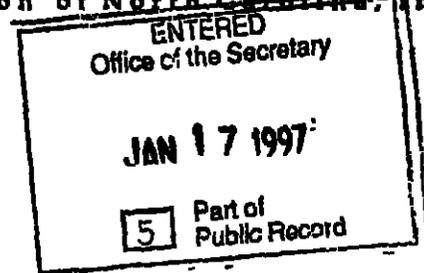




# PRESERVATION NORTH CAROLINA\*

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January 16, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board Office  
of Public Assistance  
1201 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room 2229  
Washington, D.C. 20423

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RE: 180 Day Extension Docket of No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 172X): Norfolk Southern  
13 miles of rail line located from O & H Junction to Henderson, North Carolina between  
milepost I-1.0 and milepost I-14.0

Dear Secretary Williams:

Preservation North Carolina filed a request for a public use condition for an interim trial and a statement of willingness to assume financial responsibility for the above-referenced corridor which was favorably ruled upon on March 1, 1996. The Surface Transportation Board granted an extension until this December to complete the negotiations between Norfolk Southern and Preservation North Carolina. In a letter of December 20, 1996 we respectfully requested a ninety day extension. Acting upon the suggestion of Norfolk Southern, we ask that our request of December 20, 1996 be amended to now request a 180 day extension. We do expect to successfully complete an agreement in the near future.

I am attaching the December 20, 1996 letter for your reference. If you would grant a 180 day extension of time, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Myrick Howard  
Executive Director

cc: James Paschall