

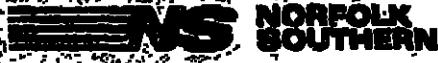
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Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 172X), Norfolk Southern
Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Granville and
Vance Counties, NC - Norfolk Southern Railway Company's Reply
to Trail Use Condition Request

Dear Ms. Burke:

This responds to your inquiry from earlier this week. Preservation North Carolina, a foundation, has filed a request for a 90-day extension of the trail use condition in the above matter in order to have time to negotiate for trail use as to the subject line.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company has not consummated the abandonment of the line. Norfolk Southern Railway consents to the requested extension of time. Indeed, Norfolk Southern would consent to a full 180-day extension of time.

Consent to negotiate does not require Norfolk Southern to reach a final agreement to transfer all or any part of the right of way.

Very truly yours,

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