

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

PRESCRIPTION OF DEPRECIATION RATES

for

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION

TRACK PROPERTY OTHER THAN MAIN LINE RAIL AND OTM

NS-TR-13

Rates Effective: January 1, 2013

Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) has submitted a depreciation study for its track property other than main line rail and other track material (OTM). The depreciation rate for main line rail and associated OTM was prescribed in NS-TR-12. Life and salvage estimates supporting the rates prescribed herein were provided and have been given appropriate consideration.

The depreciation rates prescribed herein replace any rates previously prescribed for this track property. Beginning on the effective date of this prescription, NS is prohibited from using rates other than those prescribed herein. As stated in *49 U.S.C. 11143*, a rail carrier may not:

- (1) charge to operating expenses a depreciation charge on a class of property other than that prescribed by the Board;
- (2) charge another rate of depreciation; or
- (3) include other depreciation charges in operating expenses.

IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) Norfolk Southern Corporation shall calculate annual depreciation accruals by applying to the ledger value of track property other than main line rail and OTM, owned and used in its operations, the depreciation accrual rates shown herein.
- (2) The depreciation accrual rates shall be effective from **January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2018**, or until further order of the Board.
- (3) The amortization of the variance between book accumulated depreciation and the calculated guideline for track property other than main line rail and OTM shall be addressed in an Amortization Prescription.

DEPRECIATION ACCRUAL RATES	
NS TRACK PROPERTY OTHER THAN MAIN LINE RAIL & OTM	
ACCOUNT	DEPRECIATION ACCRUAL RATES
NS	
ACCOUNT 8, TIES	
All Densities	4.35%
ACCOUNT 9, RAIL AND OTM	
Branch Line	1.63%
Yard and Other Tracks	2.13%
ACCOUNT 11, BALLAST	
All Densities	2.56%
PRR	
ACCOUNT 8, TIES	7.96%
ACCOUNT 9, RAIL AND OTM	3.52%
ACCOUNT 11, BALLAST	3.56%

Decided May 8, 2013, by the Surface Transportation Board, Accounting Board.