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Via E-Filing

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Polk County, Iowa, AB-290 (Sub-No. 341X)

Notice of Consummation – Western Segment

Dear Ms. Brown:

On August 30, 2013, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) filed a verified notice of exemption for NSR to abandon approximately 0.6 miles of non-contiguous rail line segments including the following segments: (1) roughly 0.3 miles of rail line extending between milepost SD 336.8 (at SE 26th Ct.) and milepost SD 337.1 (at Scott Ave.) (the “Eastern Segment”); and (2) roughly 0.3 miles of rail line extending between milepost SD 339.3 (at E 6th Street) and milepost SD 339.6 (near E. 1st Street and the Des Moines River) (the “Western Segment”) in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa (the “Line”).¹ Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on September 19, 2013 (78 Fed. Reg. 57,681).

In September 2018, NSR consummated the abandonment of the Eastern Segment of the Line and was subsequently granted two extensions of time to consummate abandonment of the Western Segment.² In accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) and the Board’s September 19, 2013 decision as modified by the Board’s decisions served October 18,

¹ The line segments are part of the same rail line but are separated by an approximately 2.0-mile middle line segment, which was not abandoned and which continues to connect with other rail lines.

² The current consummation deadline extension expires September 19, 2020. See Decision 47236 served in this proceeding on September 19, 2019.

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2013, and November 26, 2013, NSR hereby advises the Board that it has exercised the authority granted to it and has fully consummated abandonment of the Western Segment. Should you have any questions concerning this notice of consummation, please contact the undersigned counsel for NSR.

Sincerely,

/s/ ***Crystal M. Zorbaugh***

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Enclosures

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