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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In the City of Clifton in Passaic County, New Jersey, AB-290 (Sub-No. 409X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

On August 31, 2020, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F – Exempt Abandonments for NSR to abandon an approximately 0.4 mile rail line extending from milepost IA 12.5 to milepost IA 12.9 in the City of Clifton in Passaic County, New Jersey. (the “Line”). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on September 18, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 58,418). The exemption became effective on October 16, 2020.

On September 14, 2021, NSR requested a one-year extension of the consummation notice deadline to evaluate available options. On September 17, 2021, the Board granted the extension of the consummation notice deadline to September 18, 2022.

In accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) and the Board’s Sept. 18, 2020 decision (as modified by subsequent decisions of the Board on October 16, 2020 and September 17, 2021), NSR hereby advises the Board that it has exercised the authority granted to it and has fully consummated abandonment of the Line.¹ Should you have any questions concerning this notice of consummation, please contact the undersigned counsel for NSR.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Crystal M. Zorbaugh*

Crystal M. Zorbaugh
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¹ Under the Board’s October 16, 2020 Decision, the Board found that the abandonment of the Line would have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment. No conditions were imposed.

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