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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Summit County, Ohio, AB-290 (Sub-No. 419X)

Dear Chief of Case Administration,

On December 3, 2025, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances to abandon rail service over an approximately 1.16 miles of rail line, extending from Milepost AI 0.29 +/- to Milepost AI 1.45 +/- in Summit County, Ohio (the “Line”). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 60,222).

On January 16, 2026, the Office of Environmental Analysis (“OEA”) issued its Final Environmental Assessment (“Final EA”),¹ noting that on January 5, 2026, NSR submitted a letter from the Ohio History Connection (“SHPO”), which stated that the proposed abandonment would have no effect on historic properties. As a result, the OEA no longer recommended that the Section 106 condition recommended in the Draft EA be imposed. Thus, the OEA, in its Final EA, recommended that no conditions be imposed in this proceeding.

On January 21, 2026, the Board issued a decision determining that the abandonment of the Line will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment and conservation of energy resources or on historic resources, and allowing the exemption to become effective, as scheduled, on January 22, 2026.

¹ On December 29, 2026, the OEA served a Draft Environmental Assessment recommending a condition requiring the railroad to retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties, including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 54 U.S.C. § 306108 (“Section 106 condition”) had been completed and the Board has removed this condition.

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In accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) and the Board's December 23, 2025, and January 21, 2026, decisions, NSR hereby advises the Board that it has exercised the authority granted to it and has fully consummated abandonment of the Line. Should you have any questions concerning this notice of consummation, please contact me, NSR's representative, by mail at: Spencer Naake, Mullins Law Group PLLC, 2001 L Street NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20036; by FAX: (202) 464-9123; by e-mail: snaake@mullinslawgroup.net; or by telephone: (202) 663-7829. If I am unavailable, you may also contact Crystal Zorbaugh, who can be reached at (202) 663-7831 or by e-mail at czorbaugh@mullinslawgroup.net.

Sincerely,

Spencer M. Naake

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Ohio Rail Development Commission