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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Chief of Case Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
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**Re: FD 36916, *Northeast Atlanta Railroad, LLC—
Lease and Operation Exemption with Interchange
Commitment—Norfolk Southern Railway Company***

Dear Chief:

Attached, per the request of your staff, is a copy of the draft interchange agreement between Northeast Atlanta Railroad, LLC (“NEAR”) and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”), with reference to the notice of exemption filed under this docket on March 31, 2026.

The draft agreement is highly confidential and is being filed under seal pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1104.14 and 1150.43(h)(1)(ii).

As examination of the draft will clarify, “interchange agreement” and “interchange commitment” are not synonyms. The draft agreement does not address interchanges (*i.e.*, the transfer of railroad of traffic) of the type which must be disclosed pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(h).

Rather, and consistently with long-standing practice, the draft agreement addresses the practicalities of traffic transfer, the apportionment liability, and related matters as between NEAR and NSR.

The existence of the interchange commitment was disclosed in the pleadings and exhibits which were submitted on March 31. Still, I trust this supplemental information will facilitate the exemption proceedings.

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If you have any questions, or require further information to process NEAR's exemption, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/Stephen J. Foland

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Attorney for Northeast Atlanta Railroad, LLC

Attachment (Under Seal per 49 C.F.R. §§ 1104.14 and 1150.43(h)(1))