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Re: **Docket No. NOR 42183**
CSX Transportation, Inc. vs. Norfolk Southern Corporation
and Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Docket No. FD 36859
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Terminal Trackage Rights –
Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Norfolk and
Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company

Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 299X)
Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Discontinuance
of Service Exemption – In Chesapeake, Va.

Docket No. AB-1024X
Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company –
Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption – In Chesapeake, Va.

Dear Case Administration Chief:

Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company (“NPBL”) hereby replies to the May 13, 2026 letter filing by CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) in the four above-captioned dockets (collectively, the “Related Proceedings”). NPBL is a party in two of those dockets, and does not object to CSXT’s request to hold those proceedings in continued abeyance. Those matters have been in abeyance at the request of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) since last fall. See September 25, 2025 Decision in NOR 42183, *et al.* (“Abeyance Decision”).

CSXT’s letter was also filed in the recently-completed control proceeding involving NS and NPBL, but does not appear to seek any relief with respect to that matter. See

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Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Acquisition of Control – Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company, FD 36836 (STB served Apr. 6, 2026) (the “Control Decision”). As such, NPBL does not address the fairly extensive characterizations of the Control Decision in CSXT’s letter.

The Board did previously note that “resolution of the Control Proceeding could moot some of the issues raised in the Related Proceedings,” Abeyance Decision at 6, and NPBL believes that to have been the case. As CSXT indicates, it and NPBL are working to develop arrangements for NPBL’s handling of CSXT intermodal traffic to the Port of Virginia’s Norfolk International Terminals. Upon implementation of such arrangements, NPBL expects that CSXT would seek to dismiss the Related Proceedings.

I certify that a copy of this filing has been served by electronic mail on all parties of record in these dockets.

Respectfully submitted,

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