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VIA E-FILING

Chief of Case Administration
Office of Chief Counsel
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Polk County, Iowa, AB 290 (Sub-No. 424X); Iowa Interstate Railroad – Discontinuance of Lease and Operation Authority – In Polk County, Iowa, AB 414 (Sub-No. 9X)

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

On April 14, 2026, Iowa Interstation Railroad (“IAIS”), a Class III rail carrier, along with Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”), filed a joint petition under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 for NS to abandon and for IAIS to discontinue its lease and operation authority over an approximately 12.2-mile rail line between milepost DU 340.8 to Milepost DU 353.0 +/-, together with the unmileposted Clive Spur (collectively, the “Grimes Line”). On July 31, 2026, the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) permitted NS to abandon and for IAIS to discontinue its lease and operation authority on the Grimes Line, subject to trail use, environmental, and standard employee protective conditions. The Board also directed NS and IAIS to serve a copy of the decision on each shipper on the Grimes Line and certify to the Board that it has done so by August 5, 2026. By this letter, the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Board’s July 31, 2026, decision was sent to all active shippers on the Grimes Line.

Sincerely,

/s/ William A. Mullins

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