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VIA E-FILING
Chief of Case Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties, VA, AB-290 (Sub-No.425X)
Statement of Willingness To Assume Financial Responsibility

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29 with respect to the right-of-way owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company, presently discontinued, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation is willing to assume full responsibility for: (1) Managing the right-of-way, (2) indemnification of Norfolk Southern Railway Company for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of the right-of-way, and (3) the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right of way. The property, known as the Shenandoah Line, extends from railroad milepost B 51.0 +/- near Riverton Junction in Front Royal, to railroad milepost B 99.5 +/- at Broadway, a distance of approximately 48.5 miles, in Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties, Virginia. The right-of-way is the entire line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB 290 (Sub-No. 425X). A map of the property depicting the right-of-way is attached as Exhibit A.

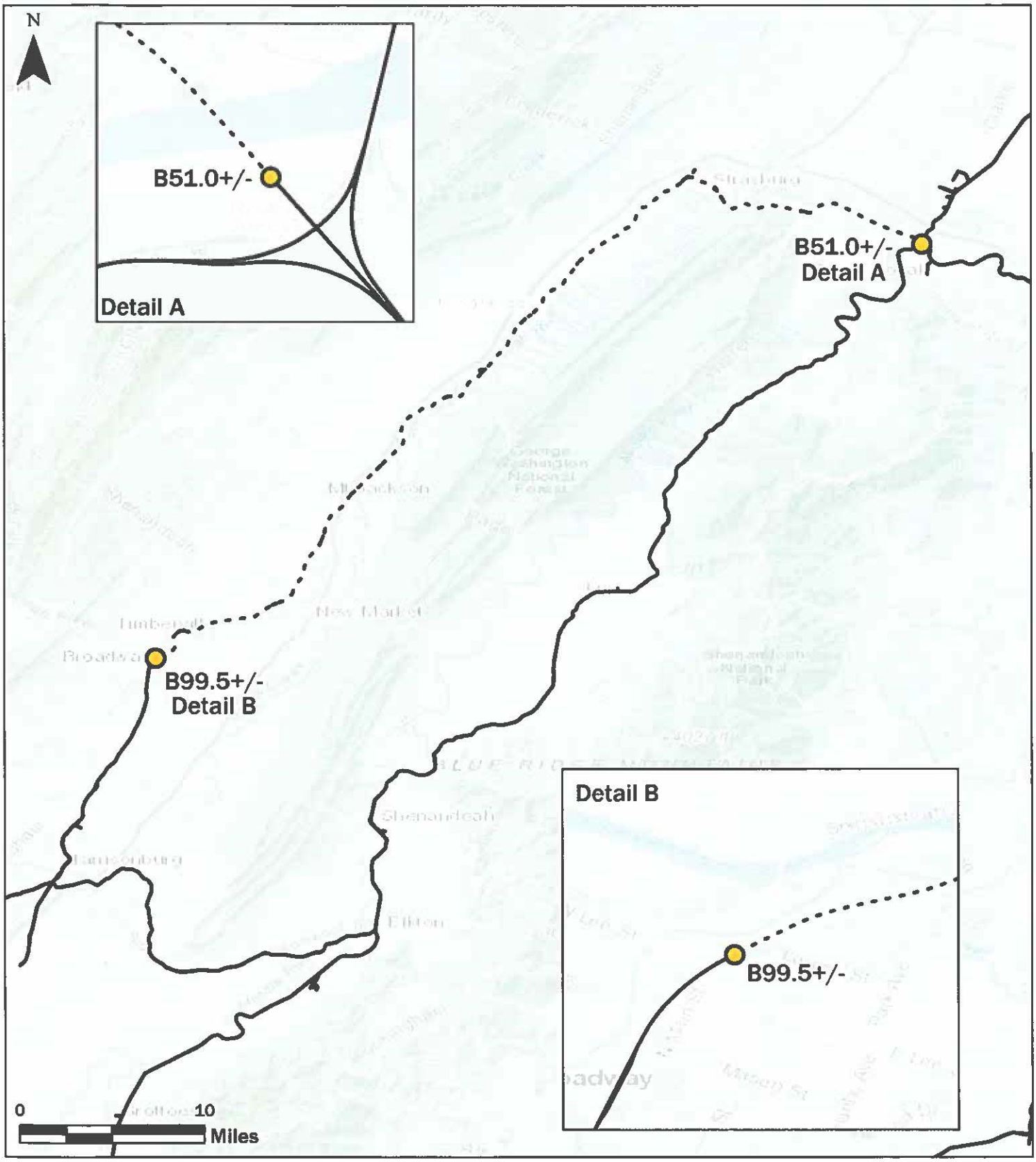
The Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the sponsor's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service. A copy of this statement is being served on Norfolk Southern Railway Company on the same date it is being served on the Board.

The Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation, a state entity that (in making this submission) is not acting in the capacity of a carrier or a shipper or proposing to own a carrier, requests a waiver of the filing fee for this submission. 49 C.F.R. § 1002.2(e)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Highways

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NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Shenandoah Valley B-Line
Exhibit A
AB-290 (Sub.No. 425x)

Norfolk Southern Track

Proposed Abandonment