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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 Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties, Virginia, AB-290 (Sub-No. 425X)

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

On October 28, 2026, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation ("VDOT") filed a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility to establish interim trail use and railbanking under 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 40 C.F.R. § 1152.29 with respect to a rail line owned by Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR"), presently discontinued, that extends from Milepost B 51.0 +/- near Riverton Junction in Front Royal, Virginia, to Milepost B 99.5 +/- at Broadway, VA, in Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties, Virginia (the "Line").

NSR was served a copy of VDOT's request.[1] NSR hereby notifies the Board that, consistent with VDOT's October 28th filing, it does not object to the issuance of a NITU and is willing to engage in negotiations toward a possible trails use arrangement for the Line.

Sincerely,

/s/ William A. Mullins

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cc: Stephen C. Brich, VDOT
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[1] Per the regulations in 49 CFR § 1152.27, the railroad's reply is generally due 10 days after the request for a NITU is filed.