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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment, Discontinuance of
Trackage Rights and Discontinuance of Service - in Cleveland and Rutherford
Counties, NC, and Cherokee County, SC, AB-290 (Sub-327X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Per letter dated July 10, 2019 and entered into the public record on July 15, 2019, the City of Shelby, North Carolina ("City") requested that the Board extend the period of time allowed for the parties to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking ("NITU") in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") hereby notifies the Board that it has not consummated its abandonment authority and remains willing to continue to engage in negotiations toward a possible NITU arrangement for the subject rail lines, which extend from milepost SB 144.55 to milepost SB 154.50 and from milepost SB 158.10 to SB 160.00 (the "Line"). Accordingly, NSR hereby consents to the City's request for a 180-day extension of the negotiation period towards a NITU for the Line.

Sincerely,



Crystal M. Zorbaugh
An Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

cc: All parties of record
Greg Summy, Laura Hoag, Scott Plum

¹ Per a stamp-decision served February 1, 2019, the NITU period currently expires July 22, 2019.