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VIA E-FILING

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

Re: STB FD 35952 – Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. – Rail Construction and Operation – in Rock County, Wisc., Winnebago, Ogle, Lee, LaSalle, Grundy, and Kankakee Counties, Ill., and Lake and Porter Counties, Ind.

Dear Ms. Brown,

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) respectfully files this notice of its intent to participate in the above-captioned proceeding as a party of record.

On May 23, 2016, NS submitted a letter to the Surface Transportation Board in the preliminary environmental review of the freight route proposed by Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. (“GLBT”). NS adopts the positions and statements set forth in that letter as if restated in full herein.

In addition, NS does not object to the request for extensions of time filed in this proceeding on May 3, 2017 by Thomas F. McFarland. The requested extensions would promote greater public participation in this proceeding, preserving the integrity of the STB’s decisionmaking process.

NS will continue to review the comments of other interested stakeholders and may offer further views or information at a later stage of this proceeding.

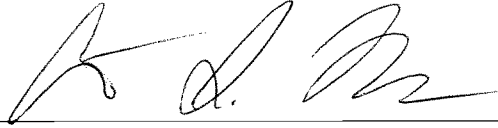
Respectfully submitted,

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Aarthy S. Thamodaran
Counsel for Norfolk Southern Railway Co.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing Notice of Intent to Participate in STB FD 35952 to be served, by electronic mail or regular mail, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1104.12, this 19th day of May, 2017, on all parties of record on the service list.

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Aarthy S. Thamodaran
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