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

RE: *Ohio River Partners LLC – Acquisition and Operation Exemption – Hannibal Development, LLC*, STB Docket No. FD 35984

Dear Ms. Brown:

In the Surface Transportation Board's ("Board") December 22, 2017, decision in the proceeding referenced above, the Board requested that Ohio Terminal Railroad Company ("OTRC"), Ohio River Partners, LLC ("ORP"), and Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") inform the Board if each would be willing to participate in Board-sponsored mediation on the development of interchange and operating protocols for joint use of the line at issue. In 2016, the Board expressly required that all three entities agree to such protocols and certify that agreement to the Board prior to any commencement of operations by ORP over the line.

While NSR takes no position on the easement and operating authority dispute between OTRC and ORP, NSR hereby informs the Board that it is willing to participate in Board sponsored mediation as it relates to the development of interchange protocols.

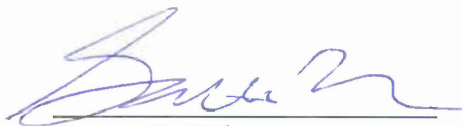
In addition, please accept this letter as my entry of appearance pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1103.4 and add me to the service list as co-counsel for NSR, along with Mr. Mullins. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mullins or me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Garrett D. Urban

Certificate of Service

I certify that I have on this day, January 8, 2018, served copies of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding via email.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Garrett D. Urban", is written over a horizontal line.

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