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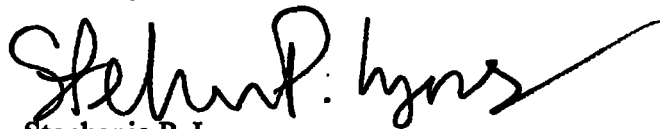
Re: Docket No. NOR 42128, South Mississippi Electric
Power Association v. Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding is the parties' Joint
Submission of Operating Characteristics.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Stephanie P. Lyons
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Enclosures

cc: Counsel for Defendant

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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC
POWER ASSOCIATION**

Complainant,

v.

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY
COMPANY**

Defendant.

Docket No. NOR 42128

**JOINT SUBMISSION OF
OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS**

In accordance with the governing procedural schedule, Complainant South Mississippi Electric Power Association ("SMEPA") and Defendant Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS") are filing this Joint Submission of Operating Characteristics to be used in calculating NS variable costs of service for purposes of this proceeding.

At this time, the parties are stipulating six (6) of the nine (9) designated URCS Phase III inputs for fifteen (15) identified mine origins, as shown on Attachment A hereto. Attachment A also identifies one (1) input – mileage – as to which the parties tentatively have agreed subject to subsequent verification or revision, and two (2) inputs as to which SMEPA and NS have not reached agreement: railcars per train, and tons per

railcar. The parties are continuing to confer regarding these items, and will advise the Board promptly of any further stipulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Phase III Nine Inputs for Various NS Coal Origins to SMEPA's R.D. Morrow Station near Richburg, MS

Inputs	Tom's Creek Dock - 2824 Clinch Valley District Toms Creek, VA		Plant #1-21007 Interstate District Wentz, VA		Pardee Surface-21012 Interstate District Pardee, VA	
	SMEPA	Agree	NS	SMEPA	Agree	NS
1. Railroad		NS			NS	
2. Loaded Miles ¹		721.1			719.1	
3. Shipment Type		Local			Local	
4. Number of Cars	105		102.5	105		102.9
5. Tons Per Car	119		119.6	119		116.7
6. Commodity		Coal			Coal	
7. Type of Movement		Unit Train			Unit Train	
8. Car Ownership		Private			Private	
9. Type of Car		General Service Hopper			General Service Hopper	

¹ SMEPA and NS tentatively agree on the loaded miles, subject to verification and possible adjustment

Phase III Nine Inputs for Various NS Coal Origins to SMEPA's R.D. Morrow Station near Richburg, MS

Inputs	Steer Branch-21039 Interstate District Sister Branch, VA			Long Fork-596 Kenova District Gund, KY			Ragland Complex-476 Kenova District Scarlet Glen, WV		
	SMEPA	Agree	NS	SMEPA	Agree	NS	SMEPA	Agree	NS
1 Railroad		NS			NS			NS	
2 Loaded Miles ¹		737.9			856.6			876.4	
3 Shipment Type		Local			Local			Local	
4 Number of Cars	105		102.8	105		102.9	105		102.9
5 Tons Per Car	119		116.7	119		117.7	119		117.7
6 Commodity		Coal			Coal			Coal	
7 Type of Movement		Unit Train			Unit Train			Unit Train	
8 Car Ownership		Private			Private			Private	
9 Type of Car		General Service Hopper			General Service Hopper			General Service Hopper	

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Phase III Nine Inputs for Various NS Coal Origins to SMEPA's R.D. Morrow Station near Richbours, MS

Inputs	Martini-766 Kenova District Martini, KY		Sidney Coal-316 Kenova District Sidney, KY		Pontili-826 Kenova District Pontili, KY	
	SMEPA	Agree	SMEPA	Agree	SMEPA	Agree
1. Railroad		NS		NS		NS
2. Loaded Miles ¹		866.9		861.5		871.4
3. Shipment Type		Local		Local		Local
4. Number of Cars	105		105		105	
5. Tons Per Car	119		119		119	
6. Commodity		Coal		Coal		Coal
7. Type of Movement		Unit Train		Unit Train		Unit Train
8. Car Ownership		Private		Private		Private
9. Type of Car		General Service Hopper		General Service Hopper		General Service Hopper

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Phase III Nine Inputs for Various NS Coal Origins to SMEPA's R.D. Morrow Station near Richburg, MS

Inputs	Sandlick-886 Kenova District Sand Lick, KY		Lone Mountain 1-20025 St. Charles District Benedict, VA		Blackberry Creek-1635 Thacker I Thomas, KY	
	SMEPA	Agree	SMEPA	Agree	SMEPA	Agree
1. Railroad		NS		NS		NS
2. Loaded Miles ¹		854.0		730.4		833.4
3. Shipment Type		Local		Local		Local
4. Number of Cars	105		105		105	
5. Tons Per Car	119		119		119	
6. Commodity		Coal		Coal		Coal
7. Type of Movement		Unit Train		Unit Train		Unit Train
8. Car Ownership		Private		Private		Private
9. Type of Car		General Service Hopper		General Service Hopper		General Service Hopper

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Phase III Nine Inputs for Various NS Coal Origins to SMEPA's R.D. Morrow Station near Richburg, MS

Inputs	Ben Creek-1865 Thacher I District Timber, WV		Jamboree-1895 Thacher I District Jamboree, KY		Big Creek-1885 Thacher II District Biggs, KY	
	SMEPA	Agree	SMEPA	Agree	SMEPA	Agree
1 Railroad		NS		NS		NS
2 Loaded Miles ¹		813.0		832.4		807.4
3 Shipment Type		Local		Local		Local
4 Number of Cars	105		105		105	
5 Tons Per Car	119		119		119	
6 Commodity		Coal		Coal		Coal
7 Type of Movement		Unit Train		Unit Train		Unit Train
8 Car Ownership		Private		Private		Private
9 Type of Car		General Service Hopper		General Service Hopper		General Service Hopper

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