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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In
Hartford City, Indiana, AB-290 (Sub-No. 392X); Central Railroad Company
of Indianapolis – Discontinuance of Lease And Operation Authority – In
Hartford City, Indiana, AB-511 (Sub-No. 7X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

On September 19, 2017, Indiana Trails Fund ("ITF") filed in the above-referenced proceeding a request for the imposition of a 180-day public use condition ("PUC") applicable to the entire length of the Norfolk Southern Railway ("NSR") and Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis ("CERA") rail line extending between milepost RK 138.6 to near or about milepost 138.8 in Hartford City, Indiana (referred herein as the "Line"). In the same filing, ITF also requests STB issuance of a notice of interim trails use ("NITU") to permit ITF to negotiate an interim trails use arrangement with NSR covering the aforementioned line segment.

In advance to its PUC/NITU filing, ITF contacted the undersigned counsel for NSR to alert him to ITF's plans to pursue rail banking the line. ITF was advised at that time that NSR was not interested. ITF nevertheless filed its PUC and NITU request.

NSR is not willing to negotiate an interim trails use arrangement for the line. Accordingly, the Board may not issue the requested NITU. Similarly, NSR is not amenable to ITFs' PUC request and requests that it be denied.

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