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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, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – Between Mansfield and Bloomington, IL, In McLean, Dewitt and Piatt Counties, Illinois, AB-290 (Sub-No. 393X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) in connection with the above-referenced railroad abandonment proceeding in order to request relief from the consummation notice requirements set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2). Specifically, for the reasons set forth below, NSR hereby requests a one-year extension of the applicable consummation notice deadline.

On May 5, 2017, NSR filed a verified notice of exemption for NSR to abandon rail service over approximately 30.40 miles of rail line extending from milepost UM 47.9 to milepost UM 78.3 between Mansfield and Bloomington, in McLean, Dewitt and Piatt Counties, Ill. (referred to herein as the “Line”). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on May 25, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 24,201). The exemption became effective on June 24, 2017.

In a decision served on June 23, 2017 the Board ordered that NSR shall (a) consult with the Illinois Commerce Commission’s Transportation Bureau, Rail Safety Section (“RSS”) prior to beginning salvage activities involving any public or private road crossings and comply with the reasonable requirements of the RSS regarding notification and coordination of the restoration of these crossings; and (b) consult with and notify the National Geodetic Survey (“NGS”) at least

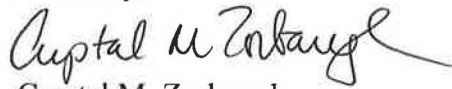
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90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that would disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.

Over the past year, NSR has consulted with the aforementioned parties to prepare for salvage of the Line. This process remains ongoing. As such, engineering will be unable to complete salvage of the Line prior to the current consummation deadline, which is May 25, 2018. Therefore, for good cause shown, NSR respectfully requests a one-year extension of the current deadline for filing a notice of consummation in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Crystal M. Zorbaugh", written in a cursive style.

Crystal M. Zorbaugh
Counsel for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

cc: All parties of record
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