



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

August 15, 2011

Marcellus C. Kirchner
Director - Strategic Planning
Norfolk Southern Corporation
Three Commercial Place
Norfolk, VA 23510-9207

Re: Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 290X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company –
Abandonment Exemption – in Lucas County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kirchner:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has completed its review of Norfolk Southern Railway Company's (NS) proposed abandonment of an approximately 2.82-mile rail line in Lucas County, Ohio, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. §470f (NHPA).

As you know, three bridges on the line were found to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. After consultation with NS' attorney and the Ohio Historical Society, OEA has concluded that the proposed abandonment would likely have an adverse effect on these historic resources. As a result of the Section 106 consultation process, OEA developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which I have enclosed for your signature. Once the MOA is signed by the signatory parties, the NHPA review will be complete. Thereafter, the Section 106 condition imposed in this proceeding will be removed.

I have enclosed one (1) copy of the MOA for your signature. Please sign the document and return it to me at the following address as soon as possible:

Danielle Gosselin
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

If you have questions regarding the MOA or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 245-0300. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Danielle Gosselin".

Danielle Gosselin
Attorney Advisor
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosure

cc (w/out enclosure): Robert A. Wimbish