

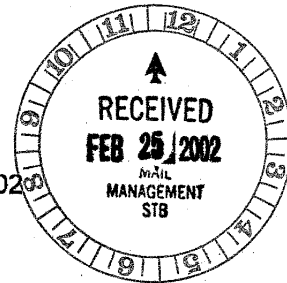


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 220X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Wise County, IL

Dear Mr. Williams:

In response to the January 28, 2002 letter of Mr. Edward L. Sealover, County Administrator of Wise County, VA, in this proceeding, Norfolk Southern Railway Company consents to the issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use establishing a 180-day negotiation period for reaching a possible interim trail use agreement as to the subject line. Of course, Norfolk Southern Railway's consent to negotiate does not require that an agreement be reached.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature of James R. Paschall.
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