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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W. Room 711
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 34240,
Bay Line Railroad, L.L.C.-Lease and Operation Exemption-
Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced docket, please find an original and ten copies of the Notice of Intent of Bay Line Railroad, L.L.C.

An additional copy of the Notice is also enclosed. Kindly indicate receipt and filing by time-stamping this extra copy and returning it to the bearer of this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 34240

BAY LINE RAILROAD, L.L.C.–
LEASE AND OPERATION EXEMPTION–
NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY



NOTICE OF INTENT

The Bay Line Railroad, L.L.C. ("Bay Line") intends to extend its lines through the lease and operation of a line of railroad running from Hilton, Georgia to Dothan, Alabama. The owner and present operator of the line is the Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS"). The lease will not become effective sooner than September 14, 2002.

The lease will cover the NS line from Milepost 357.8 in Hilton, Georgia to Milepost 379.75 in Dothan, Alabama, a distance of 21.95 miles, and includes the stations of Webb and Columbia, Alabama and Hilton, Georgia.

The transaction will be the subject of a Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1150.41., et seq. The revenues of the Bay Line following the transaction are not expected to exceed the \$5 million per year threshold specified in 49 C.F.R. Part 1150.42(e).

Respectfully submitted,

BAY LINE RAILROAD, L.L.C.

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