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VIA FAX – 202-565-9002 (2 pages)
Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1182X), Consolidated Rail Corporation –
Abandonment – Indiana County, PA – Norfolk Southern Railway Company's
Response Consenting to Trail Use Condition Extension of Time Request

Dear Mr. Williams:

The line that is the subject of this proceeding was allocated to Consolidated Rail Corporation's Pennsylvania Lines, LLC subsidiary, the property of which is being leased to and operated by Norfolk Southern Railway Company pursuant to the Board's decision in Finance Docket No. 33388, served July 23, 1998.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company has not consummated the abandonment of the line that is the subject of this proceeding and has continued to negotiate with the Cambria and Indiana Trails Council on an agreement to transfer the line for interim trail use. By decision served June 25, 2002, the Board extended the trail use negotiation period to December 26, 2002. By letter dated December 10, 2002, Cambria and Indiana Trails Council has requested a further extension of the negotiation period to March 26, 2002.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company, as operator, concurs in and consents to the 90-day extension of time request for the Trail Use Negotiation Condition made by the Cambria and Indiana Trails Council in the December 10, 2002 letter. Consent to extend the negotiation period condition carries no implication that a final agreement must be reached.

Very truly yours,

James R. Paschall

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