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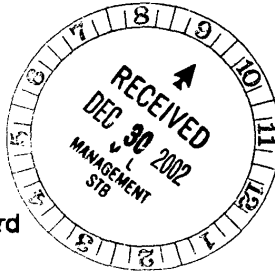
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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 215X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company -- Abandonment - Between Williamson and Cinderella, Mingo
County, West Virginia - Notice of Exemption

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to acknowledge the phone message received yesterday by Ms. Melanie Yasbin of the Board's staff. I apologize if the spelling of her name is incorrect as we do not recall prior contact with her and we had only the voice message to go on by the time we were able to send this reply today.

We were advised that the consummation date of the subject abandonment should be February 8, 2002. This is to confirm Norfolk Southern Railway Company's consent that the consummation date be corrected to February 8, 2002. If you or anyone on the staff needs to speak to us on December 30, they may call John Edwards at 757-629-2838 or on January 2, 3 or 6 they may call Sandra Gorby at 757-629-2804.

Very truly yours,

James R. Paschall