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Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 238X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company
– Abandonment – Between Bull Creek and Harman, Buchanan County,
Virginia – Notice of Exemption

Dear Mr. Williams:

This will confirm my telephone conversation with Ms. Darlene Evans of your office concerning the effective date for the above exemption. Since your mailroom didn't stamp in our filing until August 20 instead of August 19 as we had anticipated, it is acceptable to us that you change the effective date to October 9, 2003.

Yours very truly,

Sandra J. Gorby