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via fax: 202 565-9002
Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 251X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company -
Abandonment Exemption - At Edenton, North Carolina, In Chowan County,
North Carolina - Notice of Exemption
Docket No. AB-866X, North Carolina & Virginia Railroad Company, Inc.,
The Chesapeake and Albemarle Division - Discontinuance of Service
Exemption - At Edenton, North Carolina, In Chowan County, North Carolina
Notice of Exemption

Dear Mr. Williams:

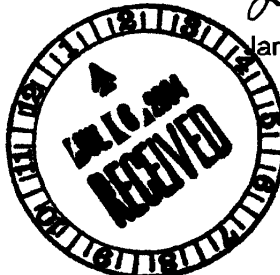
Please change the effective date of the exemptions sought in the above notices of exemption to August 17, 2004. The express delivery carrier did not deliver the notices to the Board on the expected date, which resulted in a later filing date than we anticipated when we prepared the notices. We regret the inconvenience to the Board caused by the unexpected late filing.

Yours very truly,

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