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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 248X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Washington County, NC

Dear Mr. Williams:

In accordance with the Board's decision served July 26, 2004, I hereby certify that the attached letter was served upon Royster Clark Resources, LLC, by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the 27th day of July, 2004.

Very truly yours,

James R. Paschall

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Attachment

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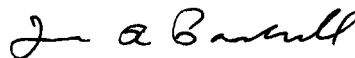
Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 248X), Norfolk Southern Railway
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Dear Mr. Oldham:

By a decision served July 26, 2004, the Surface Transportation Board granted Norfolk Southern Railway Company an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon the 7.3-mile line of railroad between Mackeys and Plymouth, in Washington County, North Carolina. A copy of the decision is attached.

Please advise me if I can answer any questions you may have concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,



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Handwritten notes:
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