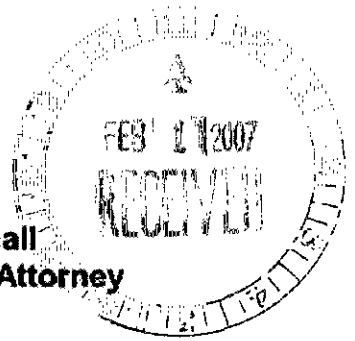


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 257X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment Exemption - in Blackford County, Indiana –
Consent to Extension of NITU

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) consents to the extension of the interim trail use negotiation period that expires on February 8, 2007, with respect to the proposed abandonment of 8.60 miles of NSR railroad line between Milepost RK-130.0 at Converse, Indiana, and Milepost RK-138.60 at Hartford City, Indiana, that will be requested by Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. NSR has not consummated abandonment of the line.

Yours very truly,

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