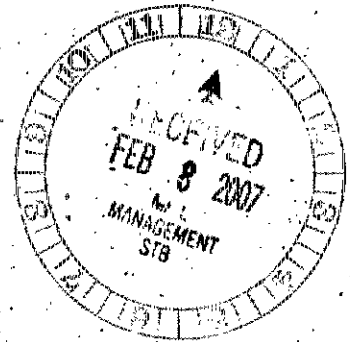


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RE: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 257X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Blackford County, IN - Request for Extension of Time to Negotiate Trail Use.

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please be advised that I represent the Indiana Trails Fund, Incorporated in this docketed proceeding.

The Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. ("ITF") is continuing its negotiations with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company for an interim trail use agreement with respect to the railroad corridor in Blackford County, Indiana, which is subject to the above referenced docket. The ITF is requesting an additional 180 days to from the current deadline of February 8, 2007 to complete its negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

Additionally, Norfolk Southern has confirmed to me that the abandonment of the railroad right-of-way subject to this docket had not been consummated.

Enclosed please find ten (10) copies of this original and a \$350 filing fee.

Sincerely,

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