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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K. Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-no 275X) Norfolk Southern Railway
Company-Abandonment Exemption-In Gaston County
Notice of Interim Trail Use/Agreement and Corridor Acquisition

Dear Mr. Williams,

I represent the City of Gastonia. Pursuant to the Board's Decision in the above referenced proceeding, the negotiation period under the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) will expire on April 25, 2007. The purpose of this letter is to advise the Board that the parties have reached an interim trail use/railbanking agreement, in the form of a conveyance by Norfolk Southern Railway of all of its interest in the railroad corridor described in the Notice of Exemption to the City of Gastonia pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). It is my understanding that the NITU accordingly extends indefinitely until further order of this Board. Please advise if further information is required.

By my signature below, I certify service upon James R. Paschall, Senior General Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway at his address of record.

Very truly yours,

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