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June 21, 2007

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: Norfolk Southern Railroad Company —Abandonment—County of Champaign, Illinois—
STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-no. 250X)

Dear Secretary Williams,

I am writing on behalf of the Urbana Park District, the City of Urbana, and the Champaign County Design and Conservation Foundation to request an extension of the deadline for negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railroad Company. As the enclosed communications suggest, previous extension requests were made on October 30 of 2006 and on April 3 of 2007. However, it has recently been brought to the attention of the Urbana Park District these requests were misdirected to the Norfolk Southern Corporation and as a result, our past negotiation period expired on December 19th of 2006.

The Norfolk Southern Railway Company and the Urbana Park District remain in the progress of negotiations. Although no agreement has been reached, these parties wish to continue negotiations. Accordingly, the Urbana Park District respectfully requests to renew an extension of the negotiating deadline to December 16, 2007.

In addition, the District respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 1002.2(e)(1).

The District is filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Name—Michael Walker (Board President)
on behalf of the Urbana Park District

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cc
Kathy Headrick, Coordinator Abandonments, NSR
James R. Paschall, Senior General Attorney, NSR
Environmental Protection Department, NSR

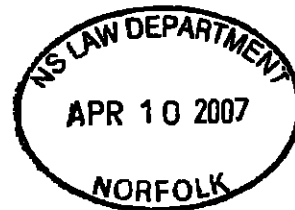
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April 3, 2007

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Re: Norfolk Southern Railroad Company – Abandonment – County of Champaign, Illinois –STB
Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-no. 250x)

Dear Mr. Ambler:

The original time frame of 180 days for the negotiation for the above property is due to expire on June 20, 2007. Preliminary negotiations are presently in progress with Norfolk Southern Corporation. This comment should be treated as a request for an extension of our protest or petition for reconsideration in the above-captioned proceeding. This comment is filed on behalf of the Urbana Park District, the city of Urbana, and the Champaign County Design and Conservation Foundation. Also, it is requested that a copy of the request for extension letter that is sent to the Surface Transportation Board be copied and sent to the attention of Tim Bartlett, Superintendent of Planning and Operations, Urbana Park District, 901 North Broadway Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801.

The property, known as the .18 section of NS rail extends from railroad milepost near MP UM 28.50 to railroad milepost near MP UM 28.68 a distance of .18 miles in Champaign County, IL. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No AB-290 (Sub-no. 250x).

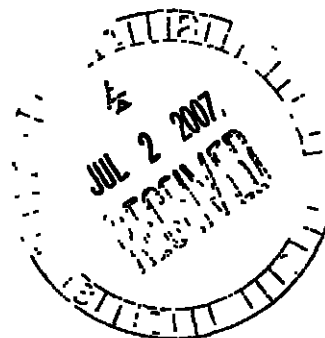
The Urbana Park District and partners acknowledge that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service. By my signature below, I certify service upon Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, Environmental Protection Department, 110 Franklin Road, SE (Box 13), Roanoke, VA 24042-0013, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class, this 1st day of November, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Name – Michael Walker (Board President)
on behalf of the Urbana Park District


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April 11, 2007

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RE: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment – County of
Champaign, Illinois – STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-no 250x)

Dear Mr. Walker

For reasons that have never been clear to me, I've received letters from the Urbana Park District ("UPD") seeking extensions from the United States Surface Transportation Board ("STB") about the UPD input in the captioned proceeding. In the past, I just passed these on internally and I did not write to you. Now, I have another letter from you, copy attached. I think it is time to clarify best handling.

The letter you wrote to me should be sent directly to the STB. They will act on the request.

When you write to the STB, you should not only copy the NSR address in Roanoke that is listed at the end of your letter, but also Kathy Headrick, Coordinator Abandonments, Strategic Planning Department, NSR, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, Virginia 23510 and James R. Paschall, Senior General Attorney, Law Department, NSR, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, Virginia 23510. Ms. Headrick and Mr. Paschall are responsible for responses to such letters.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Thomas W. Ambler