



July 20, 2007

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James R. Paschall
Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Three Commercial Place
Norfolk, VA 23510-9241

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 288X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Abandonment - In Bergen County, New Jersey - Notice of Exemption (Filed May 11, 2007)

Dear Mr. Paschall;

On June 11, 2007 BPR simultaneously filed with the STB and served NSR with our intent to file an Offer of Financial Assistance ("OFA") under 49 CFR 1152.27 in the above abandonment.

As part of our intent to file an OFA we request that NSR provide us with information as per 49 CFR 1152.27(a) including the minimum purchase price required to acquire the Carlton Hill Branch. Furthermore we request that NSR provide us with its most recent report on the physical condition of the involved line and traffic, revenue and other data necessary to determine NSR's estimate on net liquidation value of the line together with supporting data reflecting available real estate appraisal, assessments of quality and the quantity of track material in the line and removal cost estimates used to obtain the net liquidation value.

To date we have not received a single communication from NSR regarding this OFA or the requested information.

BPR is eager to move forward with the matter, however without having received the information we asked for, and at this advanced date we will not have sufficient time to adequately review the data or prepare and file our OFA by July 30, 2007 accordingly.

In all fairness to the process BPR will have no choice but to request for an extension of time with the STB in this matter, to allow NSR sufficient time to provide us with the aforementioned information for the OFA. We ask that NSR do the same on their behalf.

Should you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter please feel free to give me a call.

Best regards,

Vincent Caruso, Jr.
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cc: Hon. Vernon A. Williams Secretary, STB