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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 281X), Yadkin Railroad Company, a  
wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company –  
Abandonment – in Stanly County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Williams:

Yadkin Railroad Company (Yadkin), a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), hereby requests a one-year extension of time from the date of November 14, 2007 to November 14, 2008 to consummate the abandonment of the line between milepost N 27.50 in North Albemarle and milepost N 31.64 in Albemarle, Stanly County, North Carolina that was the subject of these proceedings. Yadkin and the City of Albemarle are close to agreements concerning the long-term disposition of the line.

Yadkin requests this lengthy extension because although significant progress has been made in reaching agreements and the parties believe agreements will be finalized in the near future, some details remain to be worked out before final agreements can be reached and committed to in writing. The extension will give greater flexibility to the parties in making the most productive future use of this right-of-way without requiring Yadkin to request shorter extensions of time if the expected imminent agreements are delayed and without pressuring the parties to prepare agreements hurriedly. If the circumstances change, especially if Yadkin determines that consummation of the abandonment should take place at an earlier date, Yadkin will then advise the Board and either consummate the abandonment or request any action by the Board that may be appropriate in the circumstances.

Yours very truly,



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