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The Honorable Vernon A Williams
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
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— Re Docket No AB-290 (Sub-No 254X) Norfolk Southern Railway Company –Petition for Exemption – Discontinuance of Service – Between Halls Ferry Junction, NC and Badin, NC in Stanly County, NC, Docket No AB-290 (Sub-No 274X) Yadkin Railroad Company – Petition for Exemption –Discontinuance of Service and Operating Rights Under Lease – Between Halls Ferry, NC and Badin, NC in Stanly County, NC [Re-styled], Docket No AB-149 (Sub-No.2) Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad Company –Petition for Exemption – Discontinuance of Service and Operating Rights Under Lease – Between Whitney, NC and Badin, NC in Stanly County, NC [Re-styled]

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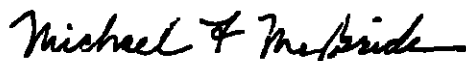
Dear Secretary Williams:

Alcoa Inc ("Alcoa") and Norfolk Southern Railway Company have entered into a settlement agreement resolving their disputes with respect to the matters at issue herein, including those raised in the Alcoa's "Petition to Reopen Decision Granting Discontinuance Exemption, Request to Exceed Page Limit for Good Cause Shown, and Request for Oral Argument" ("Petition") filed September 5, 2006 in the above-referenced proceedings

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Accordingly, this is to request that the Board permit Alcoa to withdraw its Petition, with prejudice. Please also note that the name of the undersigned's law firm has changed to that shown above. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael F. McBride". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael F. McBride

Attorney for Alcoa Inc

cc James R. Paschall, Esq.