



November 26, 2007

Via Electronic Filing
Hon Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
395 E Street S.W.
Washington D.C. 20424

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 291X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company -
Abandonment - Petition for Exemption - at Marion, in Grant County, Indiana - Notice of
Exemption (Filed October 10, 2007)

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board Notice of Exemption published in the Federal Register on October 10, 2007, Bergen Passaic Rail Corporation D/B/A/ BP Rail ("BPR") hereby advises the Board and parties of record of its intent to file an Offer of Financial Assistance ("OFA") under 49 CFR 1152.27. The OFA is to purchase 3.66 miles of railroad line between Mileposts TS 153.35 and TS 157.01 at Marion, in Grant County, IN.

In Connection with this notice of intent to file an Offer of Financial Assistance, BPR requests that the applicant carrier provide the information set forth in 49 CFR 1152.27(a) including the minimum purchase price required to acquire the 3.66 Miles of railroad. We also request NSR provide 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.

Furthermore pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(ii)(C) BPR requests the Board to toll the thirty day period for submitting offers of financial assistance for an additional sixty days in order to provide offerors with an adequate opportunity to receive, review and analyze the material provided by applicants and submit their OFA. This will not prejudice the interest of applicant carrier or any other party.

Respectfully,

Vincent Caruso, Jr.
Authorized Representative
B P Rail Corporation

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I, Vincent Caruso, Jr., certify that copies of BPR's Notice of Intent to file an OFA dated November 26, 2007,

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Dated: November 26, 2007