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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

Re: **STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 297X)**
Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service
Exemption—In Chester County, PA

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding is the **Petition of Valley Forge Railways, Ltd. to Toll 30-Day Period to File an Offer of Financial Assistance.**

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me.
Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Attorney for Valley Forge Railways, Ltd.

MJB: arw

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Tammy Alba

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB DOCKET NO. AB-290 (SUB-NO. 297X)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
—DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION—
IN CHESTER COUNTY, PA

**PETITION OF VALLEY FORGE RAILWAYS, LTD.
TO TOLL 30-DAY PERIOD TO FILE AN OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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VALLEY FORGE RAILWAYS, LTD.**

Dated: November 30, 2007

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Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.27(c)(2)(ii), Valley Forge Railways, Ltd. ("VFRL") petitions the STB to toll the 30-day period to file an Offer of Financial Assistance ("OFA") in this docket. In accordance with the STB's order in this docket served November 7, 2007, VFRL filed and served a bona fides Expression of Intent to File an OFA on November 19, 2007, a copy of which is attached herein as Exhibit A. The Expression of Intent requested Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS") to provide information required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.27(a) by November 28, 2007. NS has not provided the information, but Counsel for VFRL has communicated with Counsel for NS and NS is working on a response.

Currently, an OFA is due in this docket on December 7, 2007. Since VFRL has not yet received the information from NS pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.27(a), VFRL will need more time to develop the OFA. Therefore, VFRL is seeking an extension of time to file an OFA.

WHEREFORE, VFRL respectfully requests the STB to extend the date to file an OFA in this docket so that the due date falls seven business days after NS has provided the information required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.27(a).

Respectfully submitted,

VALLEY FORGE RAILWAYS, LTD.

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Dated: November 30, 2007

¹ Document filed with STB electronically.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 30th day of November, 2007, I caused the foregoing PETITION OF VALLEY FORGE RAILWAYS, LTD. TO TOLL 30-DAY PERIOD TO FILE AN OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE to be served upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company by overnight delivery, addressed to counsel listed below:

James R. Paschall
Senior General Attorney
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Norfolk, Virginia 23510

/s/ Michael J. Barron, Jr. ²

Michael J. Barron, Jr.

Dated: November 30, 2007

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**VALLEY FORGE RAILWAYS, LTD.'S EXPRESSION OF
INTENT TO FILE AN OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.27(c)(2)(i) this is a formal expression of the intent of Valley Forge Railways, Ltd. to file an offer of financial assistance to subsidize for continued rail service the line which is the subject of this exempt abandonment proceeding.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company is requested to provide the information required by 49 C.F.R. 1152.27(a) appropriate for a subsidy transaction by no later than November 28, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

VALLEY FORGE RAILWAYS, LTD.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 19th day of November, 2007, I caused the foregoing VALLEY FORGE RAILWAYS, LTD.'S EXPRESSION OF INTENT TO FILE AN OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE to be served upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company by depositing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to counsel listed below:

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/s/ Michael J. Barron, Jr. ²
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Dated: November 19, 2007

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