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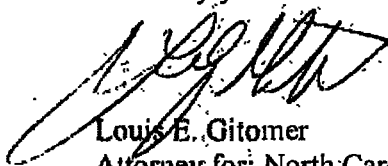
RE: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 316X), *Norfolk Southern Railway  
Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Mecklenberg County,  
VA and Granville County, NC (Clarksville, VA to at O&H Junction near  
Oxford, NC)*  
Docket No. AB-866 (Sub-No. 2X), *North Carolina & Virginia Railroad  
Co., Inc., Virginia Southern Railroad Division—Discontinuance of Service  
Exemption—in Mecklenberg County, VA And Granville County, NC  
(Clarksville, VA to at O&H Junction near Oxford, NC)*

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Enclosed for e-filing is an Affidavit of Publication in the Oxford Public Ledger.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



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Attorney for: North Carolina & Virginia Railroad  
Co., Inc., Virginia Southern Railroad Division

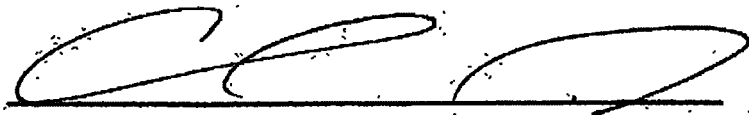
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NORTH CAROLINA,  
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Charles S. Crite, being first duly sworn, says that he is Vice President of the Ledger Publishing Company, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation; publisher of the Oxford Public Ledger, a newspaper published semi-weekly in Granville County, North Carolina; that said newspaper has a general circulation to paid subscribers in Granville County, and has been admitted to the United States mail as second class matter in Oxford, Granville County, North Carolina, that he knows it to be a fact that the attached Notice of Norfolk Southern Railway Company was published in said newspaper once-a-week for April 20, 2009 successive weeks beginning with the issue of April 20, 2009 and ending with the issue of April 20, 2009.



Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th day of April 2009.

Kelly E. Edwards

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 6-9-2009

#### NOTICE

Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") and North Carolina & Virginia Railroad Co., Inc., Virginia Southern Railroad Division ("NCVA") give notice that on or about April 23, 2009, they intend to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F, Exempt Abandonments permitting NSR and NCVA to discontinue service over a 15.25-mile rail line between south of Clarksville, VA, milepost D-37.9, and at O&H Junction near Oxford, NC, milepost D-53.15, in Mecklenburg County, VA, and Granville County, NC, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 23927, 27507, and 27565. These proceedings will be docketed as No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 316X) and No. AB-866 (Sub-No. 2X). The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at 202-245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicants' representative. [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at 202-245-0233. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicants' representatives. For NSR, John M. Scheib, Esq., General Attorney, Three Commerce Place, Norfolk, VA, 23510-2191, phone (757) 629-2831, fax (757) 629-2607, and email john.scheib@nscorp.com and for NCVA, Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, phone (202) 466-6532, fax 410-332-0885, and email at Lou.Gitomer@verizon.net. 1-1-A-20