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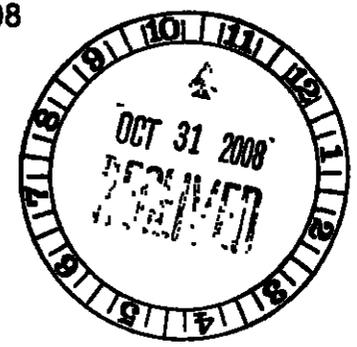
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 284X), Norfolk Southern Railway  
Company – Abandonment - in Parchment, Kalamazoo County, Michigan

Dear Ms Quinlan

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) hereby requests a one-year extension of time from the date of November 9, 2008 to November 9, 2009 to consummate the abandonment of the line between milepost CQ 41 3 and milepost CQ 42.7 in Parchment, Kalamazoo County, Michigan that was the subject of these proceedings. NSR and the City of Parchment are close to agreements concerning the long-term disposition of the line. These agreements are outside of the public use condition or trail use condition procedures, but the parties believe that consummation of the abandonment prior to execution of the agreements would be inappropriate and might limit their flexibility, thereby impeding the processing and finalization of the agreements.

If the circumstances change, especially if NSR determines that consummation of the abandonment should take place at an earlier date because the agreements with the City have been concluded or for any other reason, NSR 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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