November 5, 2018

Mr. John J. Walsh, Director
Office of the State Budget
Department of Technology, Management
& Budget
George W. Romney Building, 6th Floor
111 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48913

The Honorable Goeff Hansen, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Transportation
Michigan State Senate
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909

The Honorable Shane Hernandez, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Transportation
Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Senator Hansen, Representative Hernandez, and Mr. Walsh:

In accordance with Section 703 of 2018 PA 207, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Transportation has received notification that a railroad company has filed for abandonment of a rail line.

The Norfolk Southern Railway Company filed with the Surface Transportation Board to abandon a 0.63-mile rail corridor between Milepost D 1.38 and the end of its unused rail yard and car ferry docks in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

If you have any questions, please contact either me or Tim Hoeffner, Office of Rail Director, at 517-373-6672.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Van Port Fleet, P.E.
Director

Enclosure

cc: Tim Hoeffner
Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation
BY HAND DELIVERY
Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In the City of Detroit, Michigan, AB-290 (Sub-No. 402X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments enclosed are an original and 11 copies of a verified notice of exemption for Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") to abandon rail service in NSR’s Detroit Boat Yard rail yard, which is approximately 0.63 miles long and extends from Milepost D 1.38 (at switch) to a point without a Milepost approximately 3,303 feet to the North, and abandon NSR’s common carrier operating interest over approximately 0.49 miles of connecting track jointly owned and operated by NSR and CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") extending from Milepost D 1.23 to Milepost D 1.72 (near West Jefferson Ave) in the City of Detroit, Michigan (the “Line”).

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of this notice of exemption by date stamping the enclosed eleventh copy and returning it to the courier for return to me. This submission also includes an electronic copy of the entire filing and a separate electronic file of a draft Federal Register notice. Two checks totaling $4,200.00 are enclosed to cover the applicable filing fee. If there are any questions about this matter, please contact me directly, either by telephone: 202-663-7831 or by e-mail: czorbaugh@bakerandmiller.com or William A. Mullins, who can be reached at (202) 663-7823 or by e-mail at wmullins@bakerandmiller.com.

Sincerely,

Crystal M. Zorbaugh
Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Enclosures
cc: Greg Summy, Garrett Urban, Laura Hoag, Scott Plum