WASHINGTON, DC — The Surface Transportation Board (STB) has granted an exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 (NSR) to Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—In Gaston County, NC.

The STB has granted an exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 to Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) to abandon approximately 0.5 miles of rail line between milepost HG 37.50 (near the line’s crossing of Brooks Road) and milepost HG 38.00 (north of Robinson Road), in Crowders (Gastonia), Gaston County, NC. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 28052.

NSR has filed a verification of the Notice of Abandonment under 49 CFR part 1152. The abandonment will be effective on January 31, 2014.

The STB has granted, subject to the conditions identified in the Notice of Abandonment, the NSR’s exemption to abandon the line. The STB has determined that the abandonment is in the public interest because the NSR has thoroughly investigated the condition of the line and the factors relevant to making a determination of the public interest before the exemption. The STB has determined that the abandonment complies with the public interest criteria set forth in 49 CFR part 1152.

The STB has determined that the abandonment is in the public interest because the NSR has thoroughly investigated the condition of the line and the factors relevant to making a determination of the public interest before the exemption. The STB has determined that the abandonment complies with the public interest criteria set forth in 49 CFR part 1152.