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RE: Finance Docket No. 35116, RJ Corman Railroad Co., Beech Creek Branch Line
Construction and Operation – between Wallaceton and Gorton, Pennsylvania:
Preliminary Consultation

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Although you are not soliciting public comment at this time, I feel it is important that you know the above referenced request will serve a project that has encountered serious obstacles and fierce opposition. I believe any further study of this request is premature and wasteful of taxpayer funded resources. Consider the following:

- The application for the landfill this rail line would serve has been suspended since October 2006.
- The application for the quarry was deemed deficient in May 2007.
- There is no formal application submitted for a biofuels plant.
- There are four federal agencies on record that have identified environmental issues of concern regarding the project that would be served by this rail line.

If you continue to proceed with this RJ Corman request, it is imperative a full environmental impact statement be prepared in order to assess the environmental impact of this proposal *and* the project it will serve.

Reference is made to the above Docket no.

This endeavor is only to support a proposed landfill in Rush Township in Centre County. The rail line will be detrimental to the residents along its route. It will travel through various villages and in many incidents will be within several feet of their homes. Tons of trash is hardly well-suited to be hauled past homes with the proximity of these tracks.

Governing officials and citizens in our counties in this area have been working to promote tourism and do not welcome landfills/dumps. They hardly entice people to visit.

Respectfully,

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