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SUBJECT: Proposed Rail Abandonment in Akron, Summit County, Ohio
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub.-No. 631X)



Dear Ms. Bash:

This letter provides an update on the status of the Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization's (NEFCO) intergovernmental review of the proposed rail abandonment in Akron, Ohio. As you are well aware, last month NEFCO's governing board voted to recommend a "delayed clearance" for the rail abandonment because of the lack of sufficient information and the possibility that affected parties had not been contacted. Since that time, all parties have now been contacted. However, there still appears to be insufficient information (or misinformation) that prevents us from releasing the project from a "delayed clearance" at this time. An entity closer to the rail issue is still in the process of assessing the potential impacts of an abandonment.

I thank you for your patience while we sort out the issues. I will inform you of any future developments surrounding the review of this rail abandonment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sylvia R. Chinn-Levy'.

Sylvia R. Chinn-Levy
Intergovernmental Review Coordinator

pc: SEA-Surface Transportation Board