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## VIA FACSIMILE

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Surface Transportation Board  
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**Re: Docket No. AB-875X  
R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Bardstown Line -- Discontinuance  
Exemption -- In Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky**

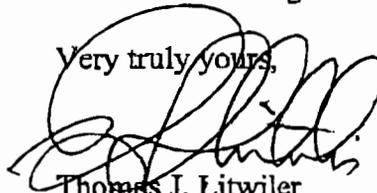
**Docket No. AB-876X  
R.J. Corman Equipment Company, LLC -- Abandonment  
Exemption -- In Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky**

Dear Ms. Dean:

Pursuant to your request, this will confirm that a copy of the Environmental/  
Historic Report in the above-captioned abandonment and discontinuance proceedings has been  
served on the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A copy of the  
transmittal letter to the Huntington District is attached.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if any further action is  
needed. Thank you for your assistance on this matter. Kind regards.

Very truly yours,



Thomas J. Litwiler  
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Attachment

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October 7, 2004

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Huntington District, Regulatory Branch (South)  
Attention: CELRH-OR-F  
502 Eighth Street  
Huntington, WV 25701-2070

Re: **Docket No. AB-875X**  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

On September 7, 2004, R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Bardstown Line ("RJCR") and R.J. Corman Equipment Company, LLC ("RJCE") filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition for exemption for RJCR to discontinue service on and RCJE to abandon a line of railroad, referred to herein as the Dawkins Line, extending from milepost 0.05 at Dawkins, Kentucky to the end of track at milepost 36.13 near Evanston, Kentucky, a distance of approximately 36.08 miles in Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(b) and 1105.11, we initially provided to the Army Corps' Louisville District a copy of Environmental/Historic Report which accompanied the petition for exemption and described the proposed action and any expected environmental or historic effects. Noting that a portion of the Dawkins Lines also lies within the jurisdiction of the Huntington District, the Office of Proceedings at the Surface Transportation Board has requested that we forward a copy of the Environmental/Historic Report to you as well.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the Board's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis at the following address:

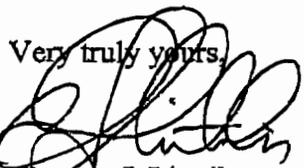
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Your comments should reference Docket No. AB-875X and Docket No. AB-876X and, if written, should include a copy to the undersigned. We note that, in correspondence dated August 20, 2004, the Louisville District indicated that the proposed abandonment would not impact "waters of the United States" and did not require a Department of the Army permit. A copy of that correspondence is attached.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed abandonment, please feel free to contact me directly at 312-252-1508. Thank you for your assistance on this matter. Kind regards.

Very truly yours,  


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Company, LLC

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Enclosures

cc: ✓Christa L. Dean, Esq., STB