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Surface Transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
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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 Sirs:

We have reviewed the request by R.J. Corman Railroad Company to abandon a line of railroad commonly referred to as the Dawkins Line in Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties and offer the following comments:

We do not oppose any portion of the petition to discontinue and abandon the line in the above named Dockets provided the company remedies the problems associated with the small railroad bridges crossing several streams and creeks in Johnson County. Our county, along with many others in Eastern Kentucky, suffered devastating flooding over the Memorial Day weekend destroying hundreds of homes and damaging roads, bridges and culverts. Subsequent inspection of the damaged areas revealed that water flow in several streams was hampered by trash and debris build-up under some of the railroad bridges creating a "dam effect" thereby causing water to back up and overflow the creek banks.

We had notified CSX railroad of this problem a couple of years ago and asked for help. If the line is to be abandoned, the debris should be removed from under the railroad bridges to open up the flow of the streams to help prevent future flooding. R.J. Corman may have already planned to take this action and if so, I applaud their actions. If not, it certainly should be a requirement before the petition is approved.

We respectfully request that the Board give strong consideration to our concerns. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. T. Daniel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a distinct "D" at the end.

R. T. Daniel  
Johnson County Judge/Executive