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Hon. Anna K. Quinlan, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

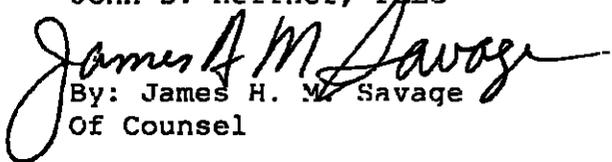
RE: **STB Docket No. AB-1020X**
East Penn Railroad, LLC-Abandonment Exemption-In Berks
and Montgomery Counties, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

On behalf of Berks County, we submitting a signed letter from the Historical Society of Berks County which we request be accepted *nunc pro tunc* in place of the original unsigned version appended to Exhibit Scott-3 of the County's Protest filed September 9, 2008.

We thank the Board for its consideration.

Sincerely yours,
John D. Heffner, PLLC


By: James H. M. Savage
Of Counsel

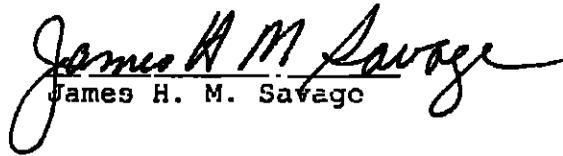
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Enc.

cc: Karl Morell, Esq. (w/enc.)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, James H. M. Savage, certify that a copy of the foregoing letter was served on Karl Morell, counsel for East Penn Railroad, LLC by e-mail on September 10, 2008.


James H. M. Savage

**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BERKS COUNTY
MUSEUM & LIBRARY**

940 Centre Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania 19601

September 6, 2008

Dear Nathaniel Getz, Berks County Commissioners, PUC Officials:

The former Colebrookdale Branch of the Reading Railroad has been serving the communities of southeast Berks County since the fall of 1869. This line was once supported by agricultural shipments and for many years iron ore and other quarry products. It played an important role in the industrialization of Berks County and northern Montgomery County

Two wooden trestles still survive along the Colebrookdale line. Although on a national level wooden trestles are not uncommon, within Berks County and the immediate surrounding area they have all nearly vanished. These two trestles may be the last in Berks County supporting an active rail line.

The Historical Society of Berks County supports any effort to preserve the Colebrookdale line and request that before any action is taken to abandon the line a full historical survey is conducted with the intentions of preserving this tiny but locally significant rail line.

Sincerely,



Benjamin L. Bernhart

Trustee & Guest Curator
175th Anniversary of the
Reading Railroad Exhibit