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VIA: Fax and Regular Mail

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building, #711
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc. -
Abandonment Exemption - In Elk and Cameron Counties
Docket No. AB-854 (X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to respond on behalf of the Applicant to the letters we understand have been filed with the Board by Elk County and Cameron County requesting an extension of Notice of Interim Trail Use for a period of 180 days from the current expiration date of October 25, 2004. (Only the letter from Elk County is available at this time on the Board's website.)

Applicant hereby advises the Board that it is agreeable to the request to extend the period to negotiate an interim trail use and railbanking agreement with both Elk and Cameron Counties.

An original and ten (10) copies of this letter are being sent to the Board for filing of record in this proceeding.

Please time stamp the extra copy of this letter to indicate receipt, and return it to me in the stamped self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

Respectfully,



ERIC M. HOCKY

cc: Taledia Stokes (by fax)
Cameron County
Elk County

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