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Re: Wilmington and Northern Railroad Company – Abandonment in Chester County,
PA – Chester County Petition for Declaratory Order; Finance Docket No. 36400

Dear Ms. Brown:

The following explanation responds to the apparent discrepancy between the end of the French Creek Branch beyond St. Peter's Village, PA. The 1970 ICC Abandonment decision identified the length of the Branch as 3.22 miles, whereas, the 2014 deed to Chester County described the length of the Branch as 5.2 miles. The 1970 abandonment of 3.22 miles describes the active railway which provided rail service to the granite quarries and the iron mines which closed in 1970. The additional 1.98 miles in the 2014 deed to the County encompassed the former location of private industrial track for the loading of the granite quarries and the iron mines which did not require ICC abandonment authority. 49 U.S.C. §10906.

Respectfully submitted,

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