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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown,

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Re: Docket No. AB 1314X, The Elk River Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment
Exemption – In Kanawha & Clay Counties, WV

Dear Ms. Brown,

I respectfully request the 28.75-mile corridor between Hartland, Clay Co. WV, and Reamer, Kanawha Co. WV be excluded from and denied the request to abandon and railbank by Elk River Railroad Inc. This section was abandoned and severed from the National Rail system in 1979, clearly shown on the WV State Rail Authority's current map to be non-existent. All tracks, rails, and bridges were removed in 1981 and opened to vehicular traffic use and has been used as such for the past 40 yrs. Under NO circumstances should this

28.75-mile section be eligible for a second abandonment, much less Railbanking.

Sincerely,

Tawney Mangus

CC: "All Parties of Record"

