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GROWTH RESOURCES OF WELLSBORO FOUNDATION

-ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION-

IN TIOGA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

EXHIBIT F

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

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Notice of Petition for Exemption To
Abandon or To Discontinue Service

On May 9, 2022, GROW filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C. 20423, a petition for exemption for the abandonment of a line of railroad known as Wellsboro and Corning Railroad, extending from railroad milepost 0.624 (near Mary Worthington Lane) and mile post 3.815 (near the Charleston Township line), which traverses through the 16901-zip code, a distance of 3.191 miles, in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. The line for which abandonment exemption request was filed includes the Wellsboro Passenger Station, located at milepost number 2.94.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad Co – Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979)*.

Any offer of financial assistance will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption.

All interested persons should be aware that following abandonment of rail service and the salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use.

Any request for a public use condition and any request for trail use/rail banking will be due no later than 20 days after notice of the filing of the petition for exemption is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Surface Transportation Board or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by the Office of Environmental Analysis will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Any other persons who would like to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS) may contact the Office of Environmental Analysis. EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.