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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. AB 1320X: Growth Resources of Wellsboro Foundation (GROW) –
Abandonment Exemption in Tioga County, Pennsylvania

Docket No. AB 1325X: Wellsboro & Corning Railroad, LLC (WCOR) –
Discontinuance of Lease and Operation Authority in Tioga County, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing in strong support of GROW's application for abandonment, and WCOR's application for the discontinuance of lease and operation authority for the segment of rail line between Milepost 0.624 and Milepost 3.9 (the "Line") in Wellsboro, Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

The abandonment of the Line is necessary for the construction of the Pine Creek Rail Trail Extension/Marsh Creek Greenway, an important regional transportation and trail connectivity project. The extension will connect the community of Wellsboro with the Pine Creek Rail Trail, a 62-mile corridor owned by DCNR. The Pine Creek Rail Trail Extension has been identified as a priority trail gap by DCNR (Priority Trail Gap #158).

DCNR and its sister agency, the PA Department of Transportation, have committed to providing over \$3 million in state grants to ensure the construction of the trail extension is complete. The PA Office of the Budget and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development have committed an additional \$3 million. These grants have expiration dates.

We are convinced that asset-based development around long-distance trails and trail networks are one of the best investments we can make in our communities. Establishing trail access and creating vibrant gateway communities is paramount to attracting outdoor enthusiasts to these rural communities and ultimately stimulating their struggling local economies.

We urge the Surface Transportation Board to expedite the processing of Docket Number AB1320X and AB1325X.

Sincerely,


Cindy Adams Dunn
Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the attached letter was provided electronically to the following parties on the dates noted below:

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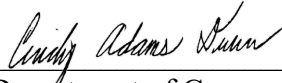
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