

Green Interfaith Environmental Organization (GIEO)

310947

DATE: MARCH 6, 2026

**Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423**

**ENTERED
Office of Chief Counsel
March 6, 2026
Part of
Public Record**

Re: STB Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1189X)

Harsimus Branch – Supplemental Notice of Public Use Clarification

TO THE BOARD:

Green Interfaith Environmental Organization (“GIEO”) respectfully submits the enclosed Supplemental Notice of Public Use Clarification in the above-referenced docket.

GIEO previously filed a Notice of Intent to Negotiate for Public Use pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10905. This supplemental filing is intended solely to clarify the preservation-oriented framework of GIEO’s public use intent during the 180-day negotiation period.

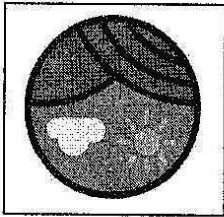
GIEO does not seek to expand the scope of relief requested, nor does it request construction authority or other regulatory action at this time. The purpose of this filing is to ensure that the record reflects the continuing transportation compatibility of the corridor.

GIEO appreciates the Board’s consideration and remains committed to proceeding in a manner consistent with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Irfan M. Jameel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

**Irfan Mufty Jameel
Director, Green Interfaith Environmental Organization
99 Wall Street, No. 5504
New York, NY 10005
(732) 289-0747
ljameel@gienvironment.org**



Green Interfaith Environmental Organization (GIEO)

DOCKET NO. AB 167 (SUB-NO. 1189X)

DATE: MARCH 6, 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC USE CLARIFICATION

STB Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1189X)

Green Interfaith Environmental Organization ("GIEO"), having previously filed a Notice of Intent to Negotiate for Public Use pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10905, respectfully submits this Supplemental Notice for clarification of the public use framework under consideration.

1. Purpose of Supplemental Notice

This Supplemental Notice is filed to clarify that GIEO's public use intent includes preservation of the Harsimus Branch corridor for potential future transportation-compatible use.

GIEO does not seek to alter the scope of the abandonment proceeding at this time, nor does it request additional authority beyond that already contemplated under § 10905. Rather, this filing is intended to ensure the Board and interested parties understand that the corridor retains continuing strategic relevance for transportation, environmental infrastructure, and intermodal connectivity purposes.

2. Continuing Transportation Relevance

While the line is no longer part of active operations, the corridor itself remains a contiguous and intact rail right-of-way in a dense urban region with ongoing transportation and infrastructure demands.

GIEO believes preservation of intact rail corridors within metropolitan areas serves long-term public interest objectives, including potential future rail reactivation, intermodal connectivity, infrastructure resilience, transportation-related environmental applications, and avoidance of corridor fragmentation.

Preservation during the 180-day public use negotiation period is therefore essential to protect future transportation optionality.

3. Public Interest Considerations

GIEO's intent is consistent with longstanding federal policy favoring preservation of rail corridors where feasible. The irreversible loss of intact rail right-of-way in major urban areas eliminates future transportation flexibility and may impose long-term public costs.

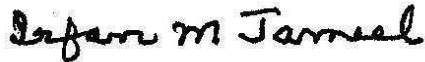
This Supplemental Notice is submitted to ensure that the record reflects that the corridor remains capable of future rail-compatible use and that public use preservation during negotiations serves the public interest.

4. No Expansion of Relief Requested

GIEO does not, through this Supplemental Notice, seek construction authority, new rail authority, or expansion beyond the existing abandonment framework.

This filing is solely intended to clarify preservation intent within the existing statutory framework of 49 U.S.C. § 10905.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Irfan M. Jameel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Irfan Mufty Jameel
Director, Green Interfaith Environmental Organization
99 Wall Street, No. 5504
New York, NY 10005
(732) 289-0747
Ijameel@gienvironment.org

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD DOCKET NO. AB 167 (SUB-NO. 1189X)

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION — ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION — IN HUDSON COUNTY, N.J.

I, Irfan Mufty Jameel, certify that on this 6th day of March, 2026, I caused a copy of the foregoing Cover Letter and Revised Supplemental Notice of Public Use Clarification to be served upon all parties of record in this proceeding by the following means:

1. Electronic Service: For all parties with a registered email address on the official STB service list (including Counsel for Conrail and Jersey City), service was executed via electronic mail.
2. First-Class Mail: For any party of record without a registered email address, a true and correct copy was dispatched via U.S. First-Class Mail, postage prepaid.

The following primary counsel were served electronically, including counsel of record for Consolidated Rail Corporation, the property owner entities, and the City of Jersey City.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Irfan Mufty Jameel

Irfan Mufty Jameel
Director, Green Interfaith Environmental Organization

March 6, 2026