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RE: STB Docket No. FD 36833 Lampwrights, LLC

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter serves as an addendum to the January 16, 2025 correspondence submitted by the County of Elk Commissioners regarding the petition filed by Lampwrights, LLC (Lampwrights) seeking exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10901.

In that prior letter, the Commissioners expressed concern that the requested exemption could affect the environmental review process typically associated with projects under 49 U.S.C. § 10901. At the time, based on the information available, it appeared that Lampwrights was seeking exemption from the approval process required to construct and operate a new rail line in Elk and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania.

We have since received clarification that compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) proceeds independently of the exemption request. We understand that the environmental review process was initiated in January 2025 and will continue through its full and independent conclusion.

Accordingly, the County wishes to clarify that it is reassured that the environmental review will not be impacted by any decision of the Surface Transportation Board regarding the exemption request.

Thank you for your consideration.

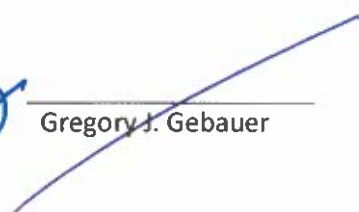
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