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Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

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Re: Finance Docket No. 35116, R.J. Corman Railroad
Company/Pennsylvania Lines – Construction, Acquisition and Operation
– Clearfield County, Pennsylvania; Waiver of Six-Month Prefiling Notice

Dear Mr. Lane:

Pursuant to 49 CFR 1105.10(c), we are granting your request of January 3, 2008 for a waiver of the six month prefiling notice generally required for construction projects under 49 CFR 1105.10(a)(1).

On December 14, 2007, the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) met with the applicants regarding the proposed acquisition and construction of the Rush Township Industrial Track, requiring reactivation of approximately 20 miles of rail line east of Wallacetown, Pennsylvania. At the meeting, SEA was provided with an overview of the project and viewed maps and photographs of the area surrounding the proposed rail line.

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, together with Resource Recovery, Inc., plan to seek authority from the Board to construct, acquire and operate the Rush Industrial Township Track. R.J. Corman Railroad Company already owns half of the rail line and intends to acquire the other half from Norfolk Southern Railway Company. The applicants propose to reactivate service over the line and haul various commodities to and from a nearby land fill and industrial park.

At the December 14, 2007 meeting, SEA presented an overview of the Board's environmental review process, SEA's role in the process, and the use of third-party consultants. Based on information from the initial meeting, SEA believes that it has adequate information and that the applicants are sufficiently aware of the environmental process to grant this waiver request.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Danielle Gosselin of my staff at (202) 245-0300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and a stylized "R".

Victoria Rutson
Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis