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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

January 19, 2009

The Honorable Jake Corman
PA State Senator, 34th District
236 Match Factory Place
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35116, R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. – Petition for Exemption to Construct and Operate a Rail Line between Wallaceton (Clearfield County) and Gorton (Centre County), Pennsylvania;
Public Scoping Meeting Notice

Dear Senator Corman:

The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is conducting a public scoping meeting for the proposed reactivation of approximately 20 miles of the former Beech Creek Branch Line from Wallaceton to Gorton in Clearfield and Centre Counties, Pennsylvania. R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. (RJCP) filed a petition with the Board requesting authority to reconstruct and operate an abandoned 10.8-mile rail line between Wallaceton Junction and Winburne in Clearfield County and to rebuild the track on a connecting 9.3-miles of currently railbanked line between Winburne and Gorton in both Clearfield and Centre Counties. The proposed rail line construction would reactivate service over the 20-mile segment and connect an active RJCP line in Wallaceton, Clearfield County with a proposed industrial development and landfill located near Gorton in Rush Township, Centre County.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Board's environmental rules, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed railroad reactivation. A key component of the EIS process is the study of environmental features (including those cultural resources which are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places) located within the project area and an assessment of potential impacts to those features. To date, Skelly and Loy, Inc. (an independent third-party contractor to the Board) has conducted preliminary studies on those environmental features located along the 20-mile study corridor. The purpose of the public scoping meeting is to present information on these features to the general public and to solicit public input in an informal open-house format. No formal presentations will be made by

agency representatives, but SEA staff will be available to answer questions and receive comments.

The public scoping meeting will be held at the following time and location:

**Tuesday, February 10
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Philipsburg-Osceola Senior High School – Gym
502 Philips Street
Philipsburg, PA 16866**

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need special accommodations or would like additional information, please contact Kevin Starner, Assistant Project Manager for Skelly and Loy, Inc., at 800-892-6532, or Danielle Gosselin, SEA Project Manager, at 202-245-0300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson".

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