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Troy Brady
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW, Suite 500
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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: ER 08-1408-042-D
STB Docket No. AB-1020X: East Penn Railroad, LLC Abandonment
Exemption, Berks and Montgomery Counties
National Register Eligibility Re-Evaluation

Dear Mr. Brady:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as revised in 1999 and 2004. These regulations require consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

At your request we have re-evaluated the National Register eligibility of the East Penn Railroad based on the additional information supplied by local historical societies and concerned citizens. Based on the information submitted we find no reason to change the previous evaluation of not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This local rail line does not appear to be significant as a major freight carrier. However, if interested the local groups can submit Historic Resource Forms for the evaluation of the individual bridges.

If you need further information regarding historic structures please consult with Susan Zacher at (717) 783-9920.

Sincerely,

Andrea L. MacDonald, Chief
Division of Preservation Services

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