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Surface Transportation Board
Attention: Danielle Gosselin
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RE: Environmental Filing STB Finance Docket No. 35116

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that was sent to you by Ms. JoAnn Gillette of People Protecting Communities.

I agree with Ms. Gillette that the Scope of Study for the Environmental Impact Statement of the proposed RJ Corman's Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.'s Wallacetown/Winburne/Gorton rail line, should be a connected action that also includes the proposed landfill, industrial park, recent quarry, and other facilities associated with this location. This is a comprehensive project and the environmental impacts should be considered for the whole project, not just one portion of the project, such as the rail line. This would be the only fair and thorough way to conduct an environmental assessment.

This proposed project is located in the beautiful pristine area of the Pennsylvania Wilds and every effort should be made to preserve its natural wonder. I respectfully ask you to consider the facts and comments submitted by Ms. Gillette, as she has spent many hours following this project with her organization which includes experts in various fields.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Mike

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Enclosure

Cc: JoAnn Gillette; Nancy Sutley, Council on Environmental Quality Chair



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February 23, 2009

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Attention: Environmental Filing STB Finance Docket No. 35116

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping process for STB Finance Docket No. 35116. People Protecting Communities (PPC) has been involved with the proposed development of the landfill, the railroad and the other activities supporting the landfill, and all its variations since March 2004. Most recently, in June 2008 we filed a Petition to Hold Proceedings in Abeyance with regards to certain actions requested by R. J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines Inc. (RJRP) pending the completion of an environmental review to be performed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Draft Scope of Study for the EIS proposes to treat the construction and operation of the proposed rail line (construction and operation of an abandoned 10.8 mile rail line between Wallacetown Junction and Winburne and the reactivation of track on the connecting 9.3 miles of currently rail banked line between Winburne and Gorton) as a single action rather than as an integral and connected portion of the larger landfill project. The proposed action for the Draft Scope of Study for the EIS should be a connected action that includes not only the proposed rail line but also the landfill it will serve and other facilities incidental to the landfill, viz. industrial park, and recent quarry, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 1508.25 (a).

Please note the comments contained within this document will not be PPC's only submission with regards to the review of Finance Docket No. 35116 et al. PPC reserves the right to submit further public comment, testimony, criticisms, responses, make requests, initiate actions, and otherwise participate in this review process.

Sincerely,

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