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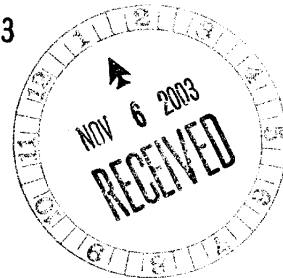
November 5, 2003

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building, #711
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc. -
Abandonment Exemption -
In Elk and Cameron Counties, PA
Docket No. AB-854 (X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

In a decision served on October 30, 2003, the Board reopened the decision in this proceeding and modified to the extent necessary to implement interim trail use / rail banking and to permit public use conditions. The order continued the other conditions imposed by the prior decision of the Board, including completion of the Section 106 historic review process. As shown in the attached letter dated October 15, 2003 from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the historic review process has been completed.

An original and ten (10) copies of this letter are being sent to the Board for filing of record.

Please time stamp the extra copy of this letter to indicate receipt, and return it to me in the stamped self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

Respectfully,


ERIC M. HOCKY

cc: Cameron County
Elk County

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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Leanore D. Bellis
Gollatz Griffin & Ewing
P O Box 796
West Chester, PA 19381

Re: ER 03-2409-042-A
STB Docket No. 854(X), Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc.
Abandonment Exemption, Elk and Cameron Counties

Dear Ms. Bellis:

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. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

Based on our survey files, which include both archaeological sites and standing structures, there are no National Register eligible or listed historic or archaeological properties in the area of this proposed project. Therefore, your responsibility for consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office for this project is complete. Should you become aware, from any source, that historic or archaeological properties are located at or near the project site, please notify the Bureau for Historic Preservation at (717) 783-8946.

Sincerely,

K. W. Carr

Kurt W. Carr, Chief
Division of Archaeology &
Protection

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