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

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

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Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to respond on behalf of the Applicant to the letter dated March 17, 2004 from Cameron County requesting, on behalf of itself and Elk County, an extension of Notice of Interim Trail Use for a period of 180 days.

Applicant hereby advises the Board that it is willing to extend the period to negotiate an interim trail use and railbanking agreement with both Elk and Cameron Counties; however, it is only willing to agree to a **ninety (90) day** extension at this time.

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

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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