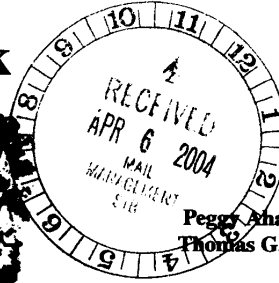


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IN RE: Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc., Rail Abandonment Exemption,  
Elk County, PA, STB Docket No. AB-854X

Dear Mr. Williams:

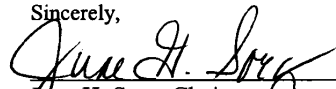
With respect to the above referenced matter that proposes the abandonment of the 18.9 mile rail corridor extending from Emporium, Cameron County, PA to St. Marys, Elk County, PA on October 28, 2003, the Surface Transportation Board granted a Notice of Interim Trail Use to the Counties of Cameron and Elk for a period of 180 days. The 180-day period expires April 28, 2004.

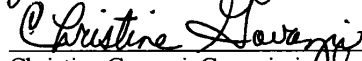
Representatives from Cameron and Elk Counties have entered into negotiations with Allegheny & Eastern Railroad to acquire the corridor. However, no agreement has yet been reached and will likely not be reached prior to April 28, 2004. Allegheny & Eastern has not finalized abandonment and has indicated its willingness to continue negotiations. The County of Elk, in cooperation with the County of Cameron, is therefore requesting an extension of an additional 180 days commencing April 29, 2004.

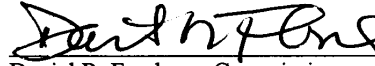
The County of Elk is forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. David Collins, President of Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, 1200-C Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY 14624, requesting that Allegheny & Eastern Railroad notify the Surface Transportation Board of its willingness to continue negotiations to acquire the corridor for interim trail use.

Thank you for your consideration. An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use.

Sincerely,

  
June H. Sorg, Chairperson

  
Christine Gavazzi, Commissioner

  
Daniel R. Freeburg, Commissioner

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