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Via Hand Delivery
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Re: Docket No. AB-550X
R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Allentown Lines, Inc.
- Abandonment Exemption -
In Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Dear Secretary Williams:

By a decision served on October 7, 1998, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") granted the County of Lehigh's request for issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU") in the above-referenced abandonment proceeding initiated by R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Allentown Lines, Inc. ("RJCN") with respect to its Barber's Quarry Industrial Track. The NITU was subsequently extended by a decision served on September 17, 1999.

By a decision served on May 24, 2000, the Board granted RJCN's request to extend the NITU for an additional period in order to allow RJCN to continue negotiations with the City of Allentown ("City") for interim trail use on the Barber's Quarry Industrial Track. The NITU with the City was subsequently extended by decisions served on September 21, 2000, January 16, 2001, June 20, 2001, and October 18, 2001.

RJCN and the City have finally reached an agreement to transfer the Barber's Quarry Industrial Track to the City for interim trail use purposes. By this letter, RJCN and the City request an extension of the NITU for an additional 30 days in order to allow the transfer of the Barber's Quarry Industrial Track to be completed. RJCN has not consummated the abandonment of the Barber's Quarry Industrial Track¹ and is willing to continue trail use negotiations with the City until the transfer is complete. The City

¹ RJCN could not consummate the abandonment unless it satisfied the environmental condition imposed by the Board in its October 7, 1998 decision in this proceeding. RJCN has not intention of consummating the abandonment at this time, but instead has agreed to transfer the property to the City.

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concur in this NITU extension request. A check in the amount of \$300 for this NITU extension request is enclosed.

RJCN and the City respectfully request that the Board issue the requested extension of the NITU on an expedited basis so that the parties can complete the property transfer as soon as possible.

By my signature below, I certify service of this NITU extension request upon the City of Allentown's representative in this matter: Francis P. Burianek, Assistant City Solicitor, City of Allentown, Office of the City Solicitor, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown Pennsylvania 18101-1699, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, first class, this 7th day of June, 2004.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Fishman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward J. Fishman
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Allentown Lines, Inc.

cc: Francis P. Burianek, City of Allentown