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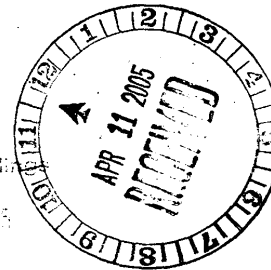
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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RE: Allegheny and Eastern Railroad, Inc. Rail Abandonment Exemption, Elk County, Pennsylvania – STB Docket No. AB-854X

Dear Mr. Williams:

With respect to the above reference matter which 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 expired April 28, 2004. The Surface Transportation Board granted a 90-day extension that expired July 27, 2004 and granted a second 90-day extension that expired October 25, 2004.

Elk and Cameron Counties entered into negotiations with the Railroad, however, an agreement was not reached. At that time, Elk and Cameron Counties again requested an extension of an additional 180 days commencing October 26, 2004 and will expire April 23, 2005. We are again requesting an additional 180 days to continue negotiations commencing April 24, 2005.

The County of Elk is forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. David Collins, President of Allegheny and Eastern Railroad, 1200-C Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY 14624, requesting that Allegheny and eastern Railroad notify the Surface Transportation

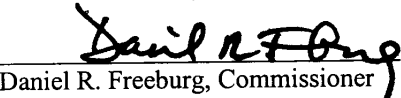
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Thank you for your consideration. An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use.

Sincerely,


June H. Sorg, Chairperson


Christine Gavazzi, Commissioner


Daniel R. Freeburg, Commissioner

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