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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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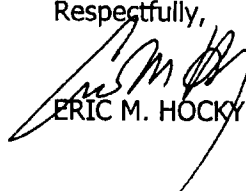
Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to respond on behalf of the Applicant to the letters filed with the Board by Elk County and Cameron County, respectively, requesting an extension of Notice of Interim Trail Use for a period of 180 days from the current expiration date of October 20, 2005.

Applicant hereby advises the Board that it is agreeable to the request to extend the period to negotiate an interim trail use and railbanking agreement with both Elk and Cameron Counties.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,


ERIC M. HOCKY

cc: Taledia Stokes (by fax)
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