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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
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RE: STB Docket No. AB-556 (Sub-No. 2X)
Railroad Ventures, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption
Between Youngstown, OH and Darlington, PA
In Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, OH and Beaver County, PA

Dear Secretary Williams,

Columbiana County Port Authority (CCPA) has become aware that Railroad Ventures, Inc. (RVI) is seeking an extension of the twenty day period during which it may challenge CCPA's claim for reimbursement from the Fund set aside by the Board for \$149,872 of repairs documented by CCPA/CCPR in the petition for reconsideration ruled upon by the Board in the decision served December 15, 2005. CCPA wishes to bring this matter to a close and is concerned about the accumulation of interest on the amount to be paid to RVI. Should it determine to grant an extension to RVI, CCPA urges the Board to suspend any further accumulation of interest during the period of extension and pending final disposition of any challenge that may be filed by RVI.

Respectively Submitted,

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