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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Sec'y
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1925 K Street NW Room 711
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via E-Filing and Regular Mail

July 19, 2006

Re: Docket Number: AB_167_1185_X CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION--
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--IN MERCER COUNTY, NJ

Dear Secretary Williams;

Please be advised that W. R. Allen Associates intends to participate as a Party of Record in the above captioned proceeding. Environmental comments will be provided by July 24, 2006 and any comments concerning the proposed Offer of Financial Assistance will be provided within such time frame as may be set by the board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely;

/s/ Michael E. Allen

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