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**BY ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**

Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company  
Abandonment Exemption, Docket No. AB996X

Dear Mr. Williams:

By order served September 19, 2006 in the above matter the Board tolled the time period for Reading Anthracite Company (RAC) to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) until September 29, 2006. RAC and Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company (RBMN) have agreed to a further tolling of such time period in order to permit negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, RAC hereby requests that the time period for it to submit an OFA be further tolled to March 1, 2007.

The undersigned is authorized to state that RBMN joins in this request.

Very truly yours,

Michael Joseph  
Attorney for Reading Anthracite Company

cc: Eric M. Hocky, Esquire