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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)

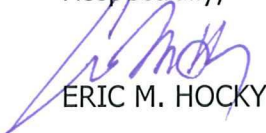
Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to respond on behalf of the Applicant to the letter from Elk County requesting that West Creek Recreational Trail Association be substituted as the trail user.

Applicant hereby advises the Board that it is agreeable to the request, *provided* that Elk County and West Creek Recreational Trail Association fully comply with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(f), including the submission of a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility duly executed by the new trail user.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,



ERIC M. HOCKY

cc: Cameron County (by email)
Elk County (by email)