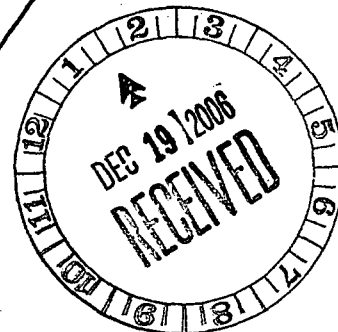


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AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.
110 RESOURCE COURT
PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653

December 15, 2006

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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 700
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: **Docket No. AB-876X**
R.J. Corman Equipment Company, LLC – Abandonment
Exemption – In Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky

Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision served December 23, 2004 in the above-captioned proceedings, the Board granted an exemption allowing R.J. Corman Equipment Company, LLC ("RJCE")¹ to abandon, and R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Bardstown Line ("RJCR") to discontinue service over, a line of railroad extending from milepost 0.05 at Dawkins, Kentucky to milepost 36.13 near Evanston, Kentucky, a distance of approximately 36.08 miles in Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky (the "Dawkins Line"). The abandonment and discontinuance exemption became effective on January 22, 2005, but was subject to 180-day period for negotiation of an interim trail use/rail banking agreement. Since that time the Board has authorized extensions of the date for reaching such an agreement.

With the approval of Corman, the Big Sandy Area Development District continues to pursue an Interim Trail Use agreement. The feasibility study has been completed; however, funding for acquisition will not be available until early 2007. Accordingly Big Sandy Area Development District requests that the Board extend the deadline for entering into an Interim Trail Use agreement and for filing a notice of consummation.

Corman has authorized me to state that Corman consents to this request. Big Sandy Area Development District is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, therefore the fee for this request should be waived by the Board. 49 C.F.R. §1002.2(e)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Runyon
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Executive Director

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cc: Hon. Lewis H. Warrix, Judge Executive, Breathitt County
Mr. Bruce Greinke, V.P. Administration
R.J. Corman Railroads Corp.

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¹ RJCE has changed its name to R.J. Corman Railroad Property, LLC. For convenience, we refer here to RJCE by its prior name, and to RJCE and RJCR collectively as "Corman."