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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
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Re: Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC -
Abandonment Exemption - Clarion and Jefferson Counties, PA
STB Docket No. AB-976 (Sub No. 2X)

~~Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. -
Discontinuance Exemption - Clarion and Jefferson Counties, PA
STB Docket No. AB-369 (Sub No. 6X)~~

**Comments to Environmental Assessment, Public Use and Trail Use
Requests**

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter serves as the comments of the applicant Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC ("PSR LLC") to the Environmental Assessment ("EA") served by the Board on July 3, 2007. This letter also responds to request for trail use and public use that has been filed.

Environmental Assessment The EA recommends a condition that PSR LLC notify National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage. PSR LLC believes that this condition goes beyond what NGS requested and what should be required. Through discussions with NGS after the EA was issued, PSR LLC has confirmed that because of where NGS locates its markers, it is unlikely that any markers would be disturbed by PSR LLC's planned tie and rail removal project within the existing rail bed (bridges and other structures will not be removed because of the public use and trail use conditions discussed below). PSR LLC has confirmed with NGS that it can proceed with its salvage project so long as PSR LLC does not disturb any markers. Imposition of a 90-day advance notice requirement would mean that PSR LLC would not be able to commence salvage until at late October or November, precluding its planned salvage for this year. Accordingly, PSR LLC requests that any condition require notice to NGS only if NGS markers will be disturbed.

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Public Use and Trail Use Request. Allegheny Valley Land Trust ("AVLT") filed a request for public use and trail use with the Board on June 11, 2007. AVLT request included the required Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility. PSR LLC hereby indicates its willingness to negotiate with AVLT for possible rail banking and trail use, if the Board issues a NITU, and provided that PSR LLC is permitted to salvage the tracks, ties, signals and other track materials.

Respectfully,



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cc: All parties on the attached Service List

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