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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building, #711
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October 8, 2007

Re: Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc. -
Abandonment Exemption - In Elk and Cameron Counties
Docket No. AB-854 (X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the Applicant to respond to the letter from West Creek Recreational Trail Association, filed with the Board on October 5, 2007, requesting an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use for a period of 90 days from the current expiration date of October 10, 2007, until January 8, 2008. Determining the agreements that relate to the property, and preparing the property description, coupled with the undersigned's change in firms, has taken longer than anticipated, delaying the completion of due diligence.

Although Applicant is optimistic that the full extension period will not be required, Applicant hereby advises the Board that it is agreeable to the request to extend the period to negotiate an interim trail use and railbanking agreement with West Creek Recreational Trail Association.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

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cc: West Creek Recreational Trail Association (by email)

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