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Hon Vernon A. Williams
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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 January 2, 2008, requesting an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use for a period of 60 days from the current expiration date of January 8, 2008, until March 8, 2008

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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