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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company
Abandonment Exemption, Docket No. AB-996X

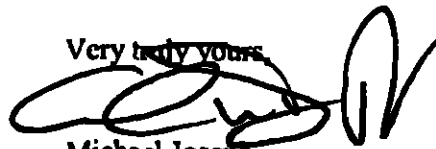
Dear Mr. Williams,

By order dated November 23, 2007, the Board tolled the time period for Reading Anthracite Company ("RAC") to file an offer of financial assistance in the above-captioned matter until November 26, 2007. RAC and Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company ("RBMN") have continued to confer and have agreed to a further tolling of such time period until April 24, 2008, in order to conclude negotiations that would permit the line to remain open. We respectfully request the Board to issue an Order effecting this agreement.

Since our last request, RAC has nearly finalized contractual arrangements that would permit the commercial use of the Minersville Branch, and the parties have continued to communicate in an effort to keep the line open. We believe that the parties will be able to resolve this issue within 90 days.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions. The undersigned is authorized to state that RBMN does not oppose this request.

Very truly yours,



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