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July 2, 2008

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 "E" Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **Environmental/Historic Report and Required Certificate for Docket No. AB-491 (Sub-No. 2X), R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. ("RJCP")--Notice of Exemption for Abandonment in Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

RJCP intends to file a Notice of Exemption for the above-referenced proposed abandonment on or after July 22, 2008. Enclosed for the above-referenced Abandonment Exemption are the following, which are required by 49 C.F.R. Part 1105.

1. An original of a certificate demonstrating compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 1105,
2. An original of the Environmental/Historic Report; and
3. A copy of the transmittal letter that accompanied the reports.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Attorney for R.J. Corman Railroad
Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.

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Enclosures.

Docket No. AB-491 (Sub-No. 2X)

**R.J. CORMAN RAILROAD
COMPANY/PENNSYLVANIA LINES, INC.**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR
ABANDONMENT IN
CLEARFIELD, JEFFERSON
AND INDIANA COUNTIES,
PENNSYLVANIA**

TO: Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 "E" Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH 49 C.F.R. PART 1105

I hereby certify that on July 2, 2008, copies of the Environmental/Historic Report for the above-captioned proceeding were served on the agencies listed at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b), all agencies consulted in preparing the report, and on the State Historic Preservation Officer of Pennsylvania. A service list is attached and incorporated into this Certificate as Attachment A. The reports have been sent within the time period specified, as R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. intends to file its Notice of Exemption in the above-captioned matter no earlier than July 22, 2008. All appropriate agencies listed in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7 (c) have been consulted well in advance of preparing the Environmental/Historic Report.

I also certify that a newspaper notice was published on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 in the *Punxsutawney Spirit*, a newspaper of general circulation in Jefferson County, on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 in the *Indiana Gazette*, a newspaper of general circulation in Indiana County, and on Monday, June 9, 2008 in *The Progress News*, a newspaper of general circulation in Clearfield County. The notices alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. A copy of the notices are attached to this certificate as Attachment B.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2008



Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Attorney for R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.

**SERVICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT
STB DOCKET NO. AB-491 (SUB-NO. 2X)
R.J. CORMAN RAILROAD COMPANY/PENNSYLVANIA LINES, INC.
CLEARFIELD, INDIANA AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA**

Parties served with a copy of the Environmental/Historic Report pursuant to Section 1105.7(b) 20 days prior to filing with the STB of the (i) Petition for Exemption; (ii) Notice of Exemption OR (iii) Application for Abandonment

<u>Agency/Party</u>	<u>Address</u>
The State Clearing House of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports and Waterways P.O. Box 2777 Harrisburg, PA 17105
The National Park Service	National Center for Recreation and Conservation 1849 "C" Street NW Washington, DC 20240
National Geodetic Survey	SSMC-3 #9202 1315 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120
The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection—Central Office	Rachel Carson State Office Building 400 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17101
Natural Resource Conservation Service Pennsylvania State Office	One Credit Union Place Suite 340 Harrisburg, PA 17110-2993
U.S Fish and Wildlife Service Pennsylvania Field Office	315 South Allen Street Suite 322 State College, PA 16801-4850
U.S. Army Engineer District, Pittsburgh	1000 Liberty Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186
US EPA Region 3	1650 Arch Street (3PM52) Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029
Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk Clearfield County Commissioners	230 East Market Street Clearfield, PA 16830

Attachment A

Rodney Ruddock, Chairman Indiana County Commissioners	825 Philadelphia Street Indiana, PA 15701
Paul Corbin, Commissioner, Chair Jefferson County Commissioners	155 Main Street, Jefferson Place County Courthouse Annex Brookville, PA 15825-1281
Mr. Gary Obleski Coastal Resource Program Manager	P.O. Box 2063 400 Market Street, 2 nd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063
Ms. Barbara Franco, SHPO Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission	300 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

R. J. Gorman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc., hereby gives notice that on or about July 14, 2008 it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment of a segment of line 7 miles in length extending from MP 0 near McGees and ending at MP 7 near Hillman in Clearfield, Indiana and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code(s) 15757, 15742 and 15767. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-491 (Sub-No. 2X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on the environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling SEA at 202-245-0295. Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 "E" Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. (See 49 C.F.R. 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a).) and one copy must be served on applicant's representative. (See 49 C.F.R. 1104.12(a)). Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at 202-245-0230. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative. Michael J. Barron, Jr., Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832 (312-252-1511).

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PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA :
: SS:
COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD :

On this 18th day of June, A.D. 20 08, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Margaret E. Krebs, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the President of The Progressive Publishing Company, Inc., and Associate Publisher of The Progress, a daily newspaper published at Clearfield, in the County of Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania, and established April 5, 1913, and that the annexed is a true copy of a notice or advertisement published in said publication in

the regular issues of June 9, 2008. And that the affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the notice or advertising, and that all of the allegations of this statement as to the time, place, and character of publication are true.

Margaret E. Krebs

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

Cheryl J. Robison
Notary Public Clearfield, Pa.

My Commission Expires
October 31, 2011

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Notarial Seal
Cheryl J. Robison, Notary Public
Clearfield Boro, Clearfield County
My Commission Expires Oct. 31, 2011
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

State of Pennsylvania, }
County of Jefferson, } SS.

The Punxsutawney Spirit
6/16 20 08

Personally appeared before the undersigned _____

etc., within and for said County and State, _____
a representative of The Spirit, a daily newspaper published at
Punxsutawney, County of Jefferson, State of Pennsylvania, who being
duly sworn, states on oath that the notice of which the annexed is a copy
was

published in said newspaper for _____ 1

times, in the issues bearing date of 6/11/08

Affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the aforesaid notice or
advertisements, and all allegations in the foregoing statement as to time,
place and character of the publication are true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16

Day of June 20 08

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Notarial Seal
Autumn L. Crissman, Notary Public
Ringgold Twp., Jefferson County
My Commission Expires April 7, 2012
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

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NOTICE

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Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 W. E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20428-0001. [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)] and one copy must be served on applicant's representative. [See 49 C.F.R. 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at 202-245-0230. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative, Michael J. Barron Jr., Fletcher & Sippl, LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 929, Chicago, IL 60606-2892. (312) 252-1511.

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Lucinda Troup

who being duly sworn according to laws, deposes and says, that (s)he is the Solicitor of the Indiana Gazette, that the said Indiana Gazette is a daily newspaper of general circulation, published in the borough of Indiana, in the County of Indiana, State of Pennsylvania, by the Indiana Printing & Publishing Company, and was established in said Borough on the second day of July 1890, since which date, said daily newspaper has been regularly issued in said Borough and County, that annexed hereto is a true copy of a notice in the above matter exactly as the same was printed in the regular editions and issues of the said daily newspaper on the following dates, viz:

06/11/08

Affiant further deposes and says that (s)he is an employee of the publisher of the said daily newspaper and has been authorized to verify the foregoing statement and the (s)he is not interested in the subject matter of the aforesaid notice or publication and that all allegations in the foregoing statement as to time, place, and character of publication are true.

Indiana Printing & Publishing Company

By *Lucinda Troup*
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

Barbara J. Sullinger

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Notarial Seal

Barbara J. Sullinger, Notary Public
Indiana, Indiana County
My Commission Expires Dec. 31, 2008

Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

For publishing notice attached hereto on above stated dates \$97.79

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Proof of Intent

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Indiana Printing & Publishing Company, publishers of the Indiana Gazette, a daily newspaper, hereby acknowledges receipt of the aforesaid publication costs, and certifies the same have been fully paid.

Indiana Printing and Publishing Co.
P.O. Box 10, 899 Water Street, Indiana, PA 15701

By _____

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Re: **Environmental/Historic Report for Docket No. AB-491 (Sub-No. 2X), R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. ("RJCP")--Notice of Exemption for Abandonment in Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania**

To Whom It May Concern:

Any time on or after July 22, 2008, R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. ("RJCP") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking the authority to abandon a railroad line 7 miles in length extending from Milepost 0 near McGees and ending at Milepost 7 near Hillman in Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania. Enclosed is an Environmental/Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historical effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historical analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental and historic review process, please contact their Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), at the Surface Transportation Board, 395 "E" Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, (202) 245-0295, and refer to the above docket number.

RJCP will file the Environmental/Historic Report with the STB on or about July 2, 2008. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the STB (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and historical impact of the contemplated action.

If there are any questions concerning the proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at (312) 252-1511 or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Attorney for R.J. Corman Railroad
Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.

Enclosures.

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-491 (SUB-NO. 2X)

R.J. CORMAN RAILROAD COMPANY/PENNSYLVANIA
LINES, INC.--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--IN
CLEARFIELD, JEFFERSON AND INDIANA COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

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Dated: July 2, 2008

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-491 (SUB-NO. 2X)

R.J. CORMAN RAILROAD COMPANY/PENNSYLVANIA
LINES, INC.--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--IN
CLEARFIELD, JEFFERSON AND INDIANA COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. ("RJCP") submits this Environmental/ Historic Report in compliance with the reporting requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8. Supporting correspondence and certifications are included. It is the conclusion of this Report that the proposed abandonment, if implemented, will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(E)

1. Proposed Action and Alternatives. RJCP seeks to abandon its line of railroad, referred to herein as the "Hillman Branch," extending from milepost 0 near McGees to milepost 7 near Hillman. The Hillman Branch is situated in Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania, and extends a total distance of approximately 7 miles. The line connects with the RJCP system at milepost 0 (which corresponds to milepost 21.9 on the Cherry Tree Sub-Division at the connection point) and is stub-ended at milepost 7.

The Hillman Branch has no traffic on the line and this abandonment will be filed as a two-year-no-business exemption. Following abandonment, RJCP intends to salvage rail from the Hillman Branch. The railbed and subgrade of the Hillman Branch will remain in place and not be disturbed.

No alternatives to the proposed abandonment have been considered. The only alternative is retention of the Hillman Branch in its current, unused state, which would have no environmental impact.

A map showing the location of the Hillman Branch is attached hereto as Appendix A.

2. Transportation System. RJCP does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be affected by the proposed abandonment. No rail service is currently provided on the Hillman Branch. The only shipper on the line that was ever served by RJCP has access to and utilizes motor carrier service. There is no overhead traffic on the line, and no passenger trains are operated over the line.

Abandonment of the Hillman Branch will allow permanent closure of a total of two public grade crossings and one private crossing. RJCP has contacted and requested comments from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. See correspondence attached hereto as Appendix B. PennDOT responded that it has “concerns regarding the at-grade crossings on this line and trusts that the crossing [sic] will be abolished in an appropriate manner and with the approval of the PA Public Utility Commission.” RJCP will remove the crossings in accordance with the applicable laws. In particular, PennDOT inquired about the at-grade crossing of the Hillman Branch with State Route 0036. RJCP intends on removing the crossing surface and back filling with bituminous material. Also, subject to approval by PennDOT, RJCP intends on keeping the warning devices, which are old, for spare parts.

3. Land Use.

(i) RJCP does not foresee any inconsistency with regional and/or local land use plans, but has contacted and requested comments from the counties through

which the line passes. See correspondence attached hereto as Appendix C. Clearfield County responded that portions of the line do cross several tributaries to Bear Run and/or do fall within the 100-year flood plain of Bear Run, but that the line does not cross any designated wetlands. Clearfield County took no position on the abandonment.

(ii) The Hillman Branch is located in a wooded area and proceeds significantly upgrade, approximately 2.69%, from milepost 0 to milepost 7. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS”) of the United States Department of Agriculture has been contacted to see if the proposed abandonment will have an adverse impact on any prime agricultural lands. The NRCS responded that they had no comments with regard to resource concerns. See correspondence attached hereto as Appendix D. RJCP does not believe the proposed abandonment will have impact on prime agricultural lands, given the geographic location of the line.

(iii) The proposed abandonment will not affect any land or water uses in the area or result in any coastal impacts. RJCP contacted Pennsylvania's Coastal Program Administrator. The Coastal Program Administrator responded that the proposed abandonment is consistent with Pennsylvania's Coastal Management Program. See, correspondence attached hereto as Appendix E.

(iv) RJCP does not believe that the right-of-way of the Hillman Branch is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 because the area is not developed and because of the steep grade. RJCP would be interested in a rails-to-trails conversion of the Hillman Branch.

4. Energy.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. Until January, 2006, the P&N Coal Company mined significant amounts of coal from a mine at Hillman. The coal was sent to PPL Corporation (a utility company) or exported. PPL Corporation's new specifications exclude coal from the mine at Hillman and the export moves ended when China started buying coal from Australia. All coal now mined at Hillman moves by truck. No rail service has been provided on the Hillman Branch since January, 2006.

(ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No such traffic has been handled on the Hillman Branch for many years (if ever), and RJCP foresees no possibility that any on-line recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.

(iii) Abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. No freight traffic currently moves to, from or on the Hillman Branch.

(iv) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Hillman Branch will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

5. Air.

(i) Not applicable. Abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line, (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%, or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment.

(ii) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Hillman Branch will not result in traffic increases which exceed the thresholds specified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C), as no traffic currently moves on the line.

(iii) Not applicable. This is a proposed abandonment so no shipment of ozone depleting material is contemplated. As there is no current traffic on the Hillman Branch, no shipments of ozone depleting materials will be diverted as a result of this abandonment.

RJCP has contacted and requested comments from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. See correspondence attached hereto as Appendices F and G.

6. Noise. Not applicable. As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the abandonment.

7. Safety.

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety. Abandonment of the Hillman Branch will allow a total of two public grade crossings and one private grade crossing to be eliminated. During any salvage operations on the Hillman Branch, precautions will be taken to ensure public safety.

(ii) Not applicable. Since this is a rail abandonment, no transportation of hazardous materials is contemplated. No hazardous materials have been transported on the Hillman Branch for at least two years, as there has been no revenue service on the line for at least two years. Accordingly, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) RJCP is unaware of any hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right-of-way of the Hillman Branch.

8. Biological Resources.

(i) No critical habitat will be destroyed, altered or affected as a result of the proposed abandonment, and RJCP does not believe that any endangered or threatened species are present in the area or would be adversely affected. Salvage operations will be handled within the right-of-way using existing access routes, and the roadbed and subgrade of the Hillman Branch will not be altered in connection with the abandonment. RJCP has requested comments from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. See correspondence attached as Appendix H. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service indicated no federally listed threatened or endangered species are known to occur in the abandonment area.

(ii) The Hillman Branch does not pass through or adjacent to any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges or any national or state parks or forests and, accordingly, none will be adversely affected.

9. Water. Any water quality effects of the proposed abandonment should be minimal, as the only structures over water on the Hillman Branch are a small, one-span steel bridge at Milepost 1 over a Bear Run tributary and concrete culverts over some Bear Run tributaries. RJCP does not intend to alter the contour of the roadbed or structures underlying the Hillman Branch in connection with the proposed abandonment, and RJCP likewise does not anticipate discharge of any materials into navigable waters. Therefore, RJCP does not believe the proposed abandonment would require permits under Section 402 and 404 of the Clean Water Act.

RJCP is unaware of any 100-year floodplains that would be affected by abandonment. There are a number of small bodies of water located in the general vicinity of the Hillman Branch, but they should not be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment, as RJCP does not intend on altering the contour of the underlying roadbed.

Information on the proposed abandonment has been provided to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. See correspondence attached as Appendices F, G and I. The Corps of Engineers responded that no permits were necessary.

As RJCP foresees no adverse environmental effects from the proposed abandonment, no mitigation is proposed.

HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(D)

1. Map. A map of the Hillman Branch is attached hereto as Appendix A.
2. Description of Line. The Hillman Branch extends from milepost 0 near McGees to milepost 7 near Hillman. The Hillman Branch is located in Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania.

The Hillman Branch traverses a wooded area and has a significantly increasing grade, approximately 2.69% from milepost 0 to milepost 7. The width of the Hillman Branch right-of-way is generally 66 feet

3. Photographs. Not applicable. There are no buildings of any kind on the Hillman Branch. Of the two bridges involving roads on the line, one, near milepost 6, is a highway-over-rail bridge built by PennDOT within the last decade, and the other one, near milepost 0, is a rail-over-highway bridge that will remain in place because it is also part of another rail subdivision. Other structures are a small, one-span steel bridge and concrete culverts over Bear Run tributaries. There are no other structures on the line.

4. Information on Structures. Not applicable. See answer to Number 3 herein.

5. History of Operations. The Hillman Branch, located in the state's coal mining region, was once part of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Cresson Secondary Track, and went to Cloe, Pennsylvania. For at least the last several decades, only coal was transported on the line. RJCP acquired the line at the end of 1995 from Conrail (See, Finance Docket No. 32838, R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Consolidated Rail Corporation), and operated trains on the line until January, 2006.

6. Engineering Documents. Not applicable. See answer to Number 3 herein.

7. Historic Criteria. Based on readily available information in its possession, RJCP believes that no site or structure listed in or meeting the criteria for listing in the Natural Register of Historic Places is located on the Hillman Branch or will be affected by the abandonment. RJCP also believes that no culturally significant locations, archaeological sites or unique land forms will be affected by the abandonment. RJCP has sought input from the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer. See, correspondence attached as Appendix J. The Pennsylvania SHPO responded that no evaluation of historic structures will be necessary and the project should have no effect on prehistoric and historic archeological resources.

8. Ground Disturbances. Based on the contour of the line, RJCP believes subsurface ground disturbance would have occurred when the original roadbed was constructed. No additional ground disturbance should occur as a result of the abandonment, because RJCP intends on leaving the underlying roadbed in place. RJCP is unaware of any other environmental conditions that might affect the archaeological recovery of resources. Access to the line is good.

Dated: July 2, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael J. Barron, Jr.", positioned above a horizontal line.

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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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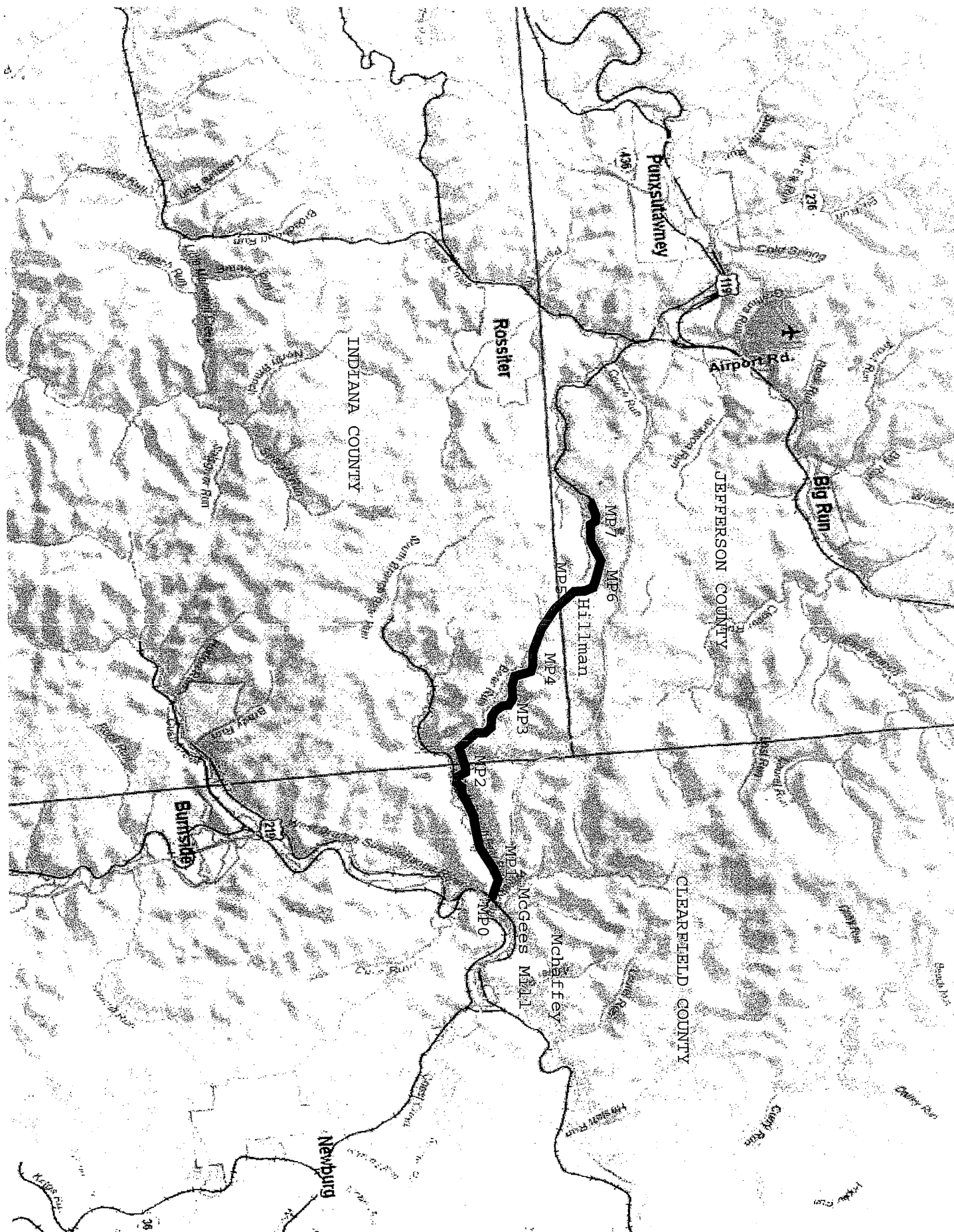
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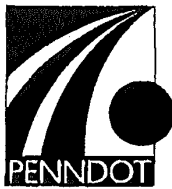


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Date: 7/1/08
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June 27, 2008

Mr. Michael J. Barron, Jr., Attorney
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Re: R.J. Corman Railroad Company / Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment in Clearfield, Indiana
and Jefferson Counties, PA

Dear Mr. Barron:

The PennDOT Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports and Waterways is in receipt of your letter of June 3, 2008, requesting assistance in identifying any potential effects of R.J. Corman's proposed abandonment of a seven mile line of railroad that begins at MP 0 near McGees, Clearfield County, PA, continues through Indiana County, PA and terminates at MP 7 near Hillman, Jefferson County, PA.

Your letter was forwarded to PennDOT Engineering Districts 2-0 and 10-0 which have jurisdiction for the areas in which the line of railroad being proposed for abandonment is situated. In addition, the proposed abandonment was also reviewed by PennDOT Bureau of Design, Environmental Quality Assurance Division (EQAD). The information requested is not within the purview of PennDOT and therefore, we have no comments. PennDOT recommends that R. J. Corman contact the agencies within the Commonwealth that have jurisdiction over those particular resources. PennDOT does have concerns regarding the at-grade crossings on this line and trusts that the crossing will be abolished in an appropriate manner and with the approval of the PA Public Utility Commission.

Should you have any questions or if we may be of any further assistance to you regarding this matter, please contact Tom Stettler of my staff at (717) 772-2637 or e-mail tstettler@state.pa.us.

Sincerely,

Denise L. Pyers
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**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION**

DATE: July 1, 2008

SUBJECT: R. J. Corman Railroad Company / Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment in Clearfield, Indiana and Jefferson Counties, PA
Comments from PennDOT Engineering Districts 2-0 and 10-0

TO: File

FROM: Thomas H. Stettler
Bureau of Rail Freight, Ports
and Waterways

Listed below is a summary of the comments from PennDOT Engineering Districts 2-0 and 10-0 to the June 27, 2008 letter from Mr. Michael J. Barron, Jr., Attorney regarding the R. J. Corman Railroad Company / Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. proposed abandonment in Clearfield, Indiana and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania:

Comments of Mr. Lawrence M. Cernansky, P.E., District Grade Crossing Engineer/District Pavement Management Engineer/District Design Exception Committee Chairman, Engineering District 10-0

There is one crossing on the proposed abandonment (Above-grade: DOT No. 506 114 N, MP 5.80, SR 1054 Segment 0100 Offset 1633, Banks Township, Indiana County (Latest PUC Doc. A-00111492 dated September 5, 1996)). The PUC approved reconstruction of bridge that carries SR 1054 over the track of R. J. Corman Railroad Company. Presently, the District has no issues with this abandonment.

Comments of Mr. Mark Schultz, Grade Crossing Administrator / MPMS Coordinator, Engineering District 2-0

District 2-0's only interest is the crossing on State Route 0036, DOT# 506-109S that has a deteriorating timber crossing and a cantilevered light system. With the abandonment of the line, will R. J. Corman be removing the crossing surface and backfilling with the necessary bituminous material? And, what will happen with the warning devices?

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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk
Clearfield County Commissioners
230 East Market Street
Clearfield, PA 16830

Re: **R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.
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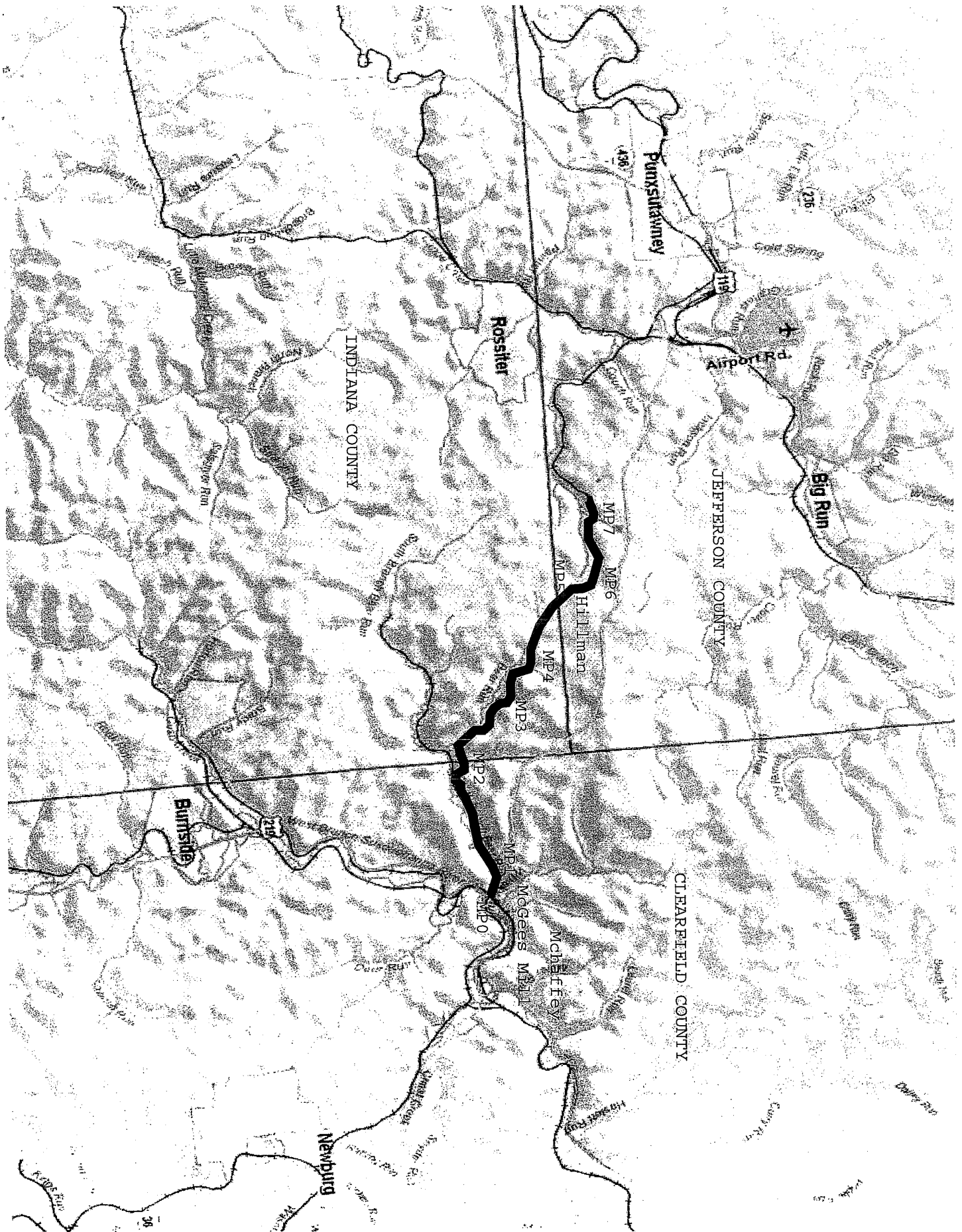
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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Rodney Ruddock, Chairman
Indiana County Commissioners
825 Philadelphia Street
Indiana, PA 15701

Re: **R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.
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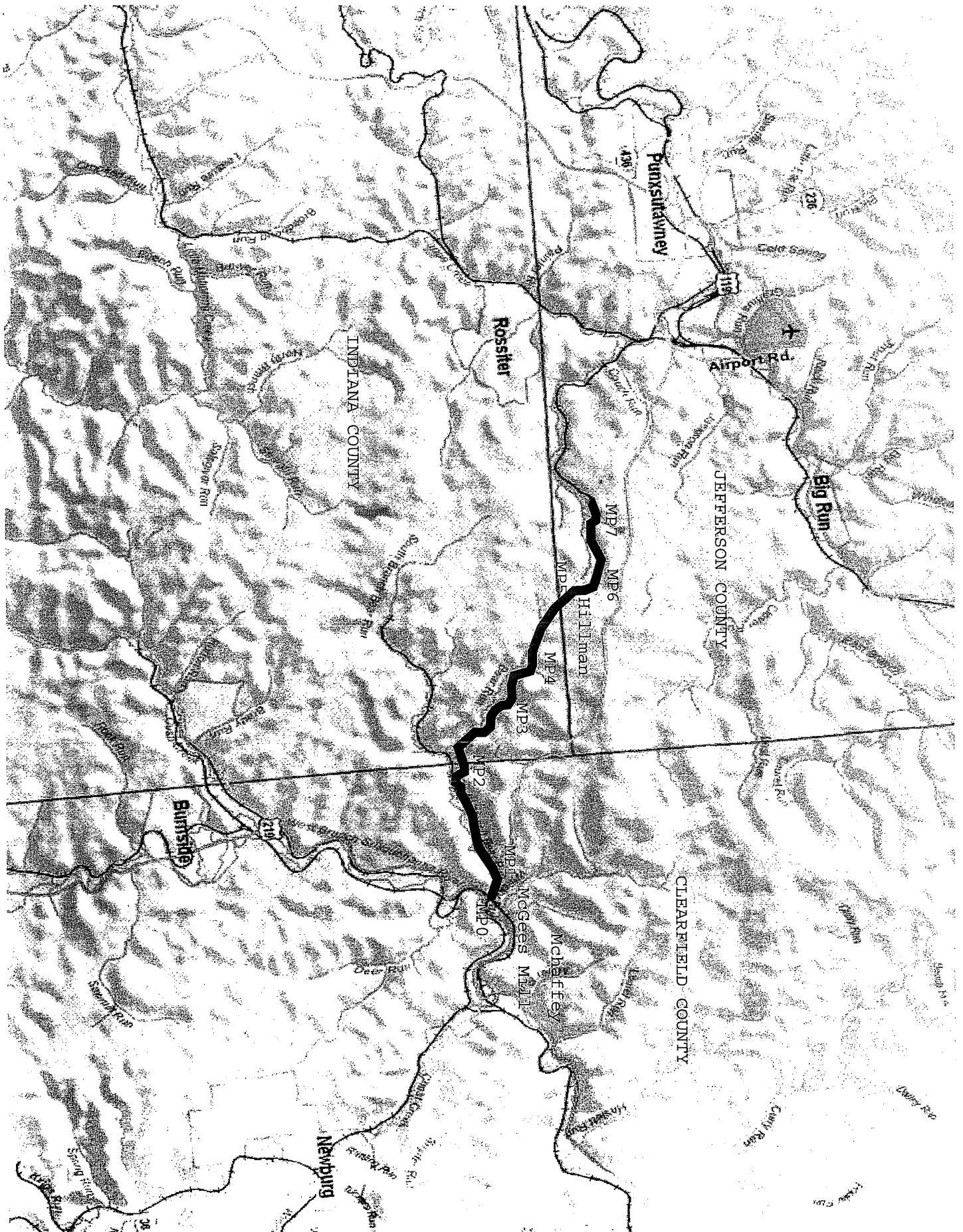
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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Paul Corbin, Commissioner, Chair
Jefferson County Commissioners
155 Main Street, Jefferson Place
County Courthouse Annex
Brookville, PA 15825-1281

Re: **R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.
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June 24, 2008

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**RE: R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment in Clearfield, Indiana, and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Clearfield County Planning Office reviewed the above referenced documents on June 24, 2008 and copies of said documents and related correspondence are on file at our office.

This letter does not indicate approval or disapproval of the above-mentioned application by the Clearfield County Planning Office nor does it represent or guarantee that this project complies with the various ordinances, rules, regulations, or laws of the local municipality, the Commonwealth, or the Federal government. This letter serves as an acknowledgment of receipt of the above-mentioned materials and as a vehicle to provide you with our comments or concerns related to land use.

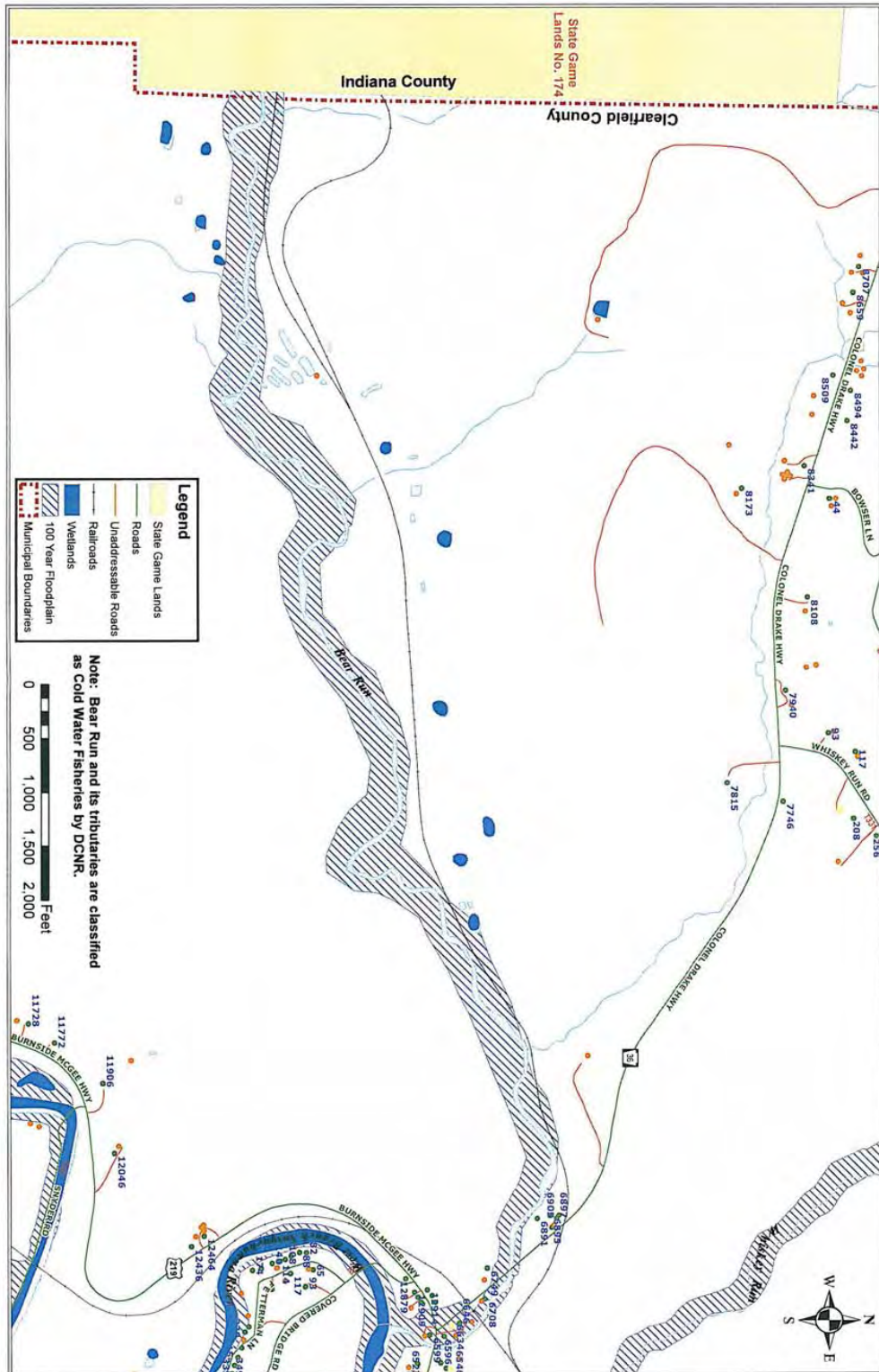
In regards to the above-mentioned project, our office has the following comments:

- Enclosed is a map provided by the Clearfield County GIS Department indicating/identifying any potential effects of the proposed action on, among other things that were listed in the June 3, 2008 letter from Fletcher & Sippel LLC.
- Portions of the rail line do cross several unnamed tributaries to Bear Run classified as CWF (cold water fisheries).
- Portions of the rail line do fall within the 100 year flood plain of Bear Run.
- According to the National Wetland Inventory Maps the rail line does not cross any wetlands.
- A PNDI search would need to be completed to see if any endangered or threatened species would be impacted.

Sincerely,

Rob Thomas
Planning Specialist

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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Natural Resources Conservation Service
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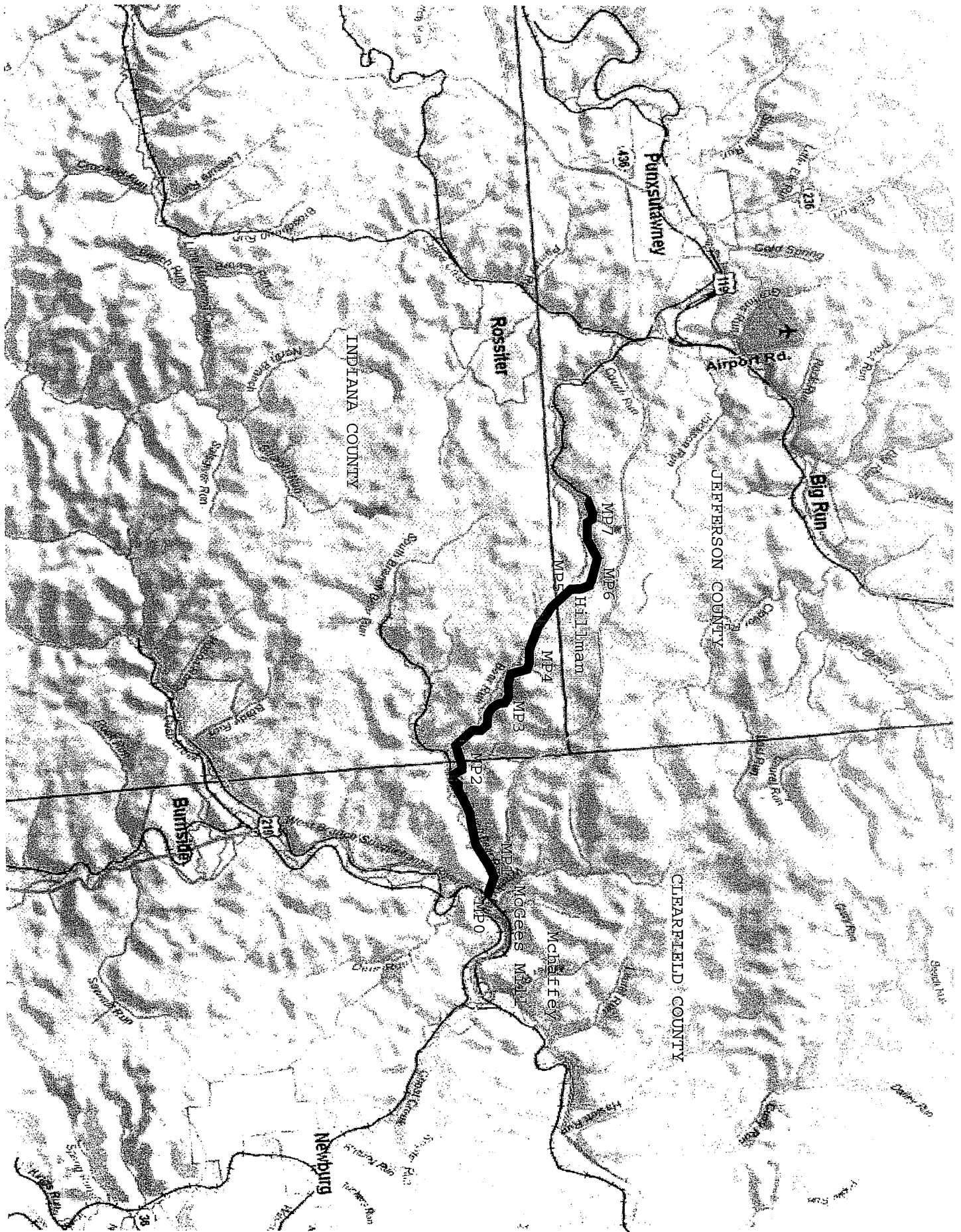
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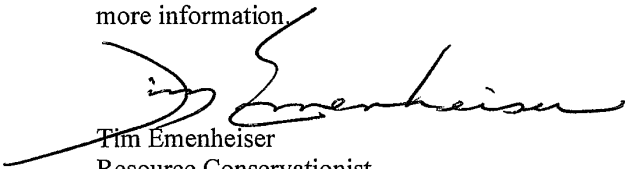
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Re: R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. Proposed Abandonment
Clearfield County, PA; Indiana County, PA; Jefferson County, PA

As requested in a letter dated June 3, 2008, we have reviewed the project location for possible areas of concern to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

We have no comments in regards to resource concerns; however, as for any project involving earthmoving, both temporary and permanent erosion and sedimentation control practices should be planned, implemented and maintained. We recommend consultation with appropriate county conservation districts for review of erosion and sedimentation control plans and practices.

Contact me at (717) 237-2218; FAX (717) 237-2238; email:timothy.emenheiser@pa.usda.gov if you need more information.



Tim Emenheiser
Resource Conservationist

cc: Gary Swope, District Conservationist, DuBois, PA
Lou Ann Swope, District Conservationist, DuBois, PA

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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Mr. Gary Obleski
Coastal Resources Program Manager
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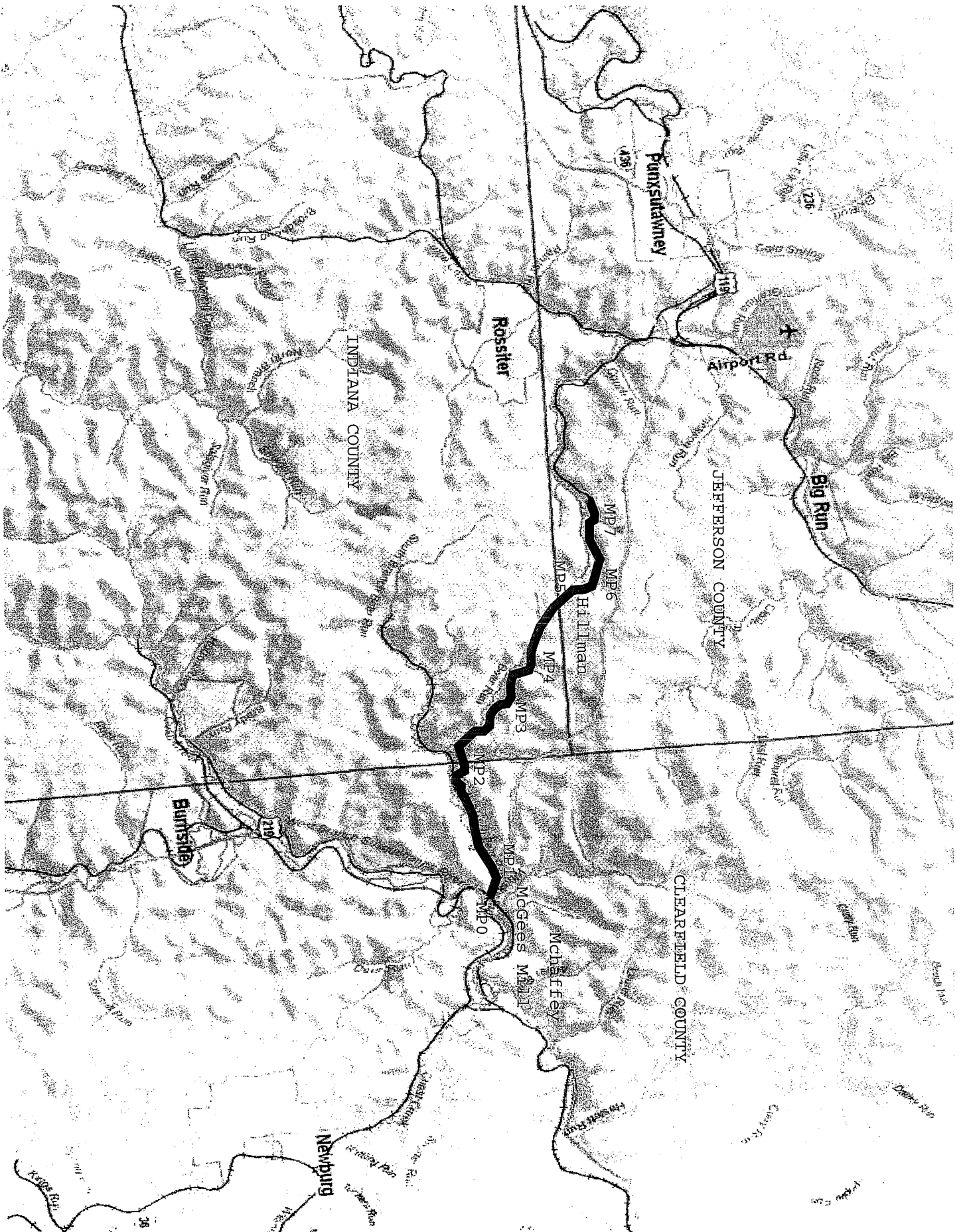
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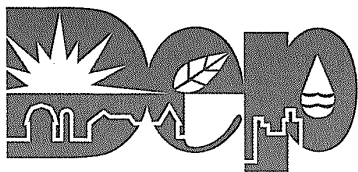


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June 10, 2008

Water Planning Office

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Michael J. Barron, Jr., Counsel for RJCP
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Re: DEP File No. CZ7:FPL

Dear Mr. Barron:

On June 6, 2008, the Pennsylvania Coastal Resources Management (CRM) Program received information concerning the following proposed railroad abandonment:

R.J. Corman Railroad Company / Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. Proposed Abandonment in Clearfield, Indiana and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania.

This 7-mile rail abandonment begins at MP 0 near McGees, and ends at MP 7 near Hillman in Clearfield, Indiana and Jefferson counties, Pennsylvania.

Under the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, and regulations at 15 CFR Part 930 Subpart D - Consistency for Federally Licensed and Permit Activities, the abandonment of this rail line is subject to our federal consistency review. We have determined that the above action is located outside of Pennsylvania's Coastal Zones, and will not impact upon them. Therefore, this rail abandonment is consistent with Pennsylvania's CRM Program.

In conclusion, please note that this determination pertains only to the federal consistency review requirements under the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, and does not constitute a waiver from further Department of Environmental Protection's review or other Departmental permits.

Sincerely,

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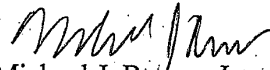
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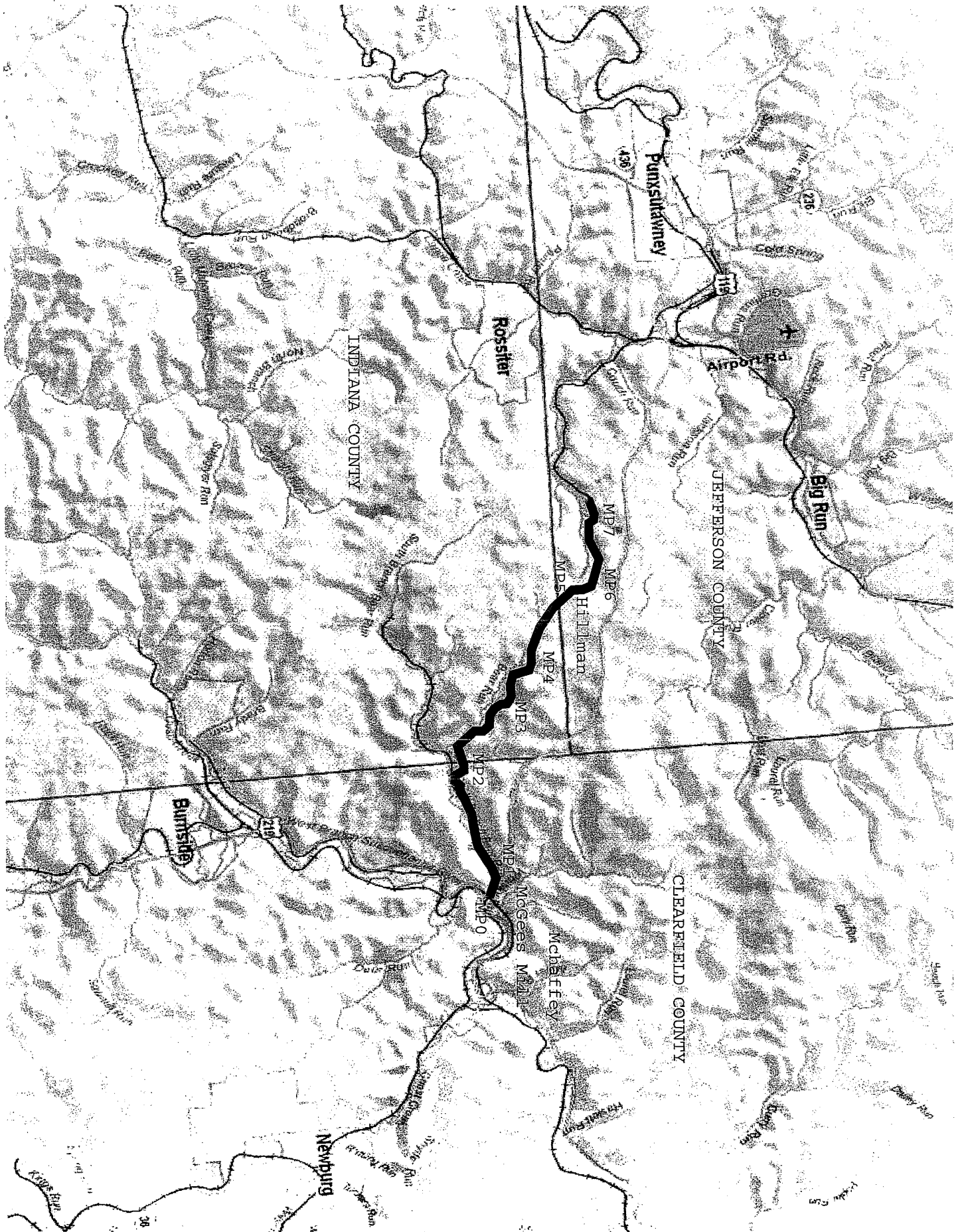
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June 3, 2008

VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Pennsylvania Field Office
315 South Allen Street, Suite 322
State College, PA 16801-4850

Re: **R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment in Clearfield, Indiana and Jefferson
Counties, Pennsylvania**

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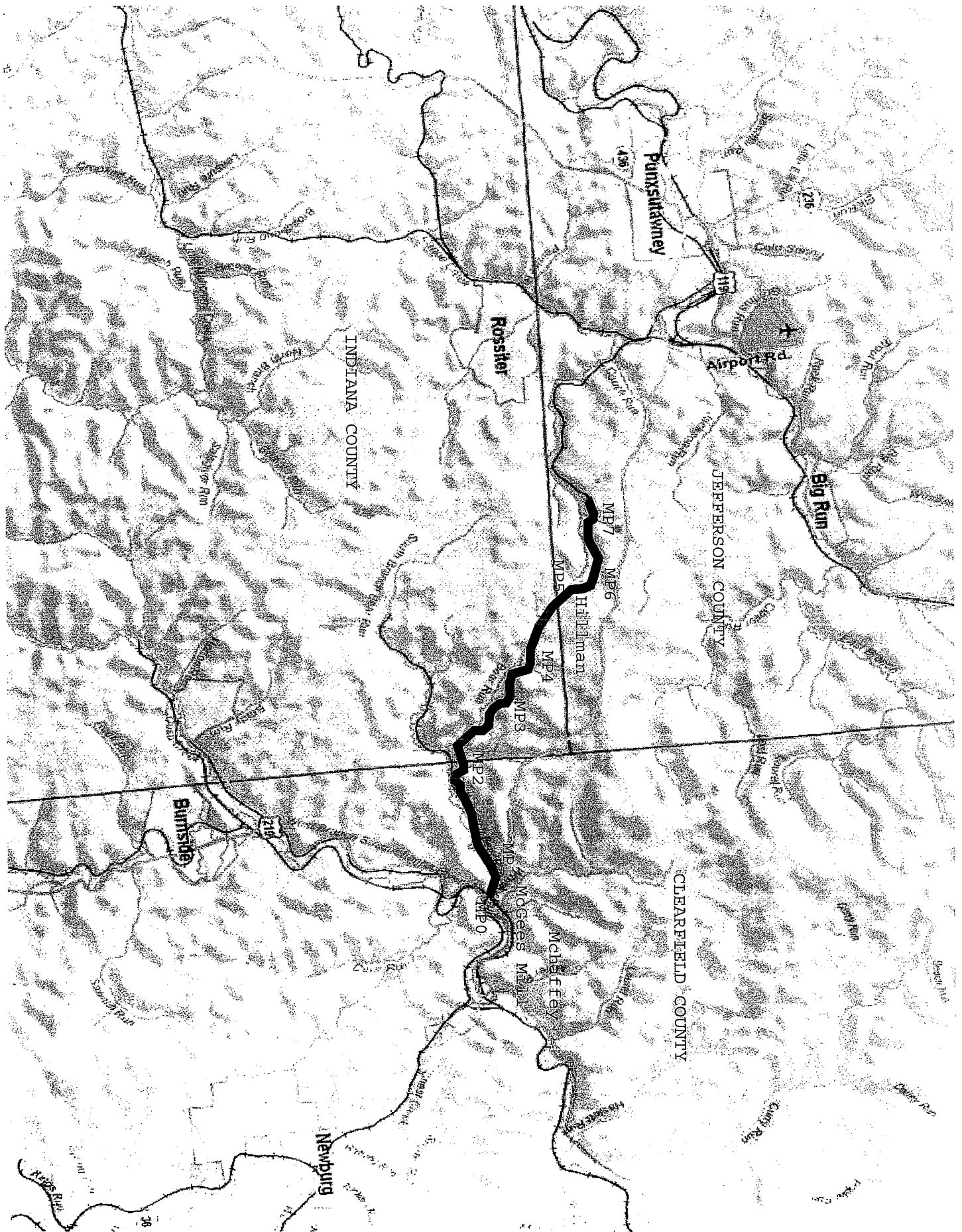
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PNDI # N/AUSFWS Project # 2008-1429

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
315 South Allen Street, Suite 322, State College, PA 16801

This responds to your inquiry about a PNDI Internet Database search that resulted in a potential conflict with a federally listed, proposed or candidate species.

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATIONCounty: Indiana and Jefferson

Township: _____

MISC INFORMATIONDate received by FWS: 06/05/2008USFWS COMMENTS ☒ FAXED ☐ MAILEDFax #: 312-252-2400To: Michael BarronAffiliation: Fletcher & Sippel, LLCSPECIFIC PROJECT: R.J. Corman RR Abandonment**FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE COMMENT(s):**

☒ **NO EFFECT**

Except for occasional transient species, no federally listed threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction are known to occur within the project impact area. Therefore, based on currently available information, no biological assessment or further consultation under the Endangered Species Act is required with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

Please be aware that a field survey may reveal previously undocumented populations of one or more species of concern within a project area. If surveys or further information reveals that a federally listed species exists in your project area, contact the Service immediately to discuss measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts to the species prior to initiating your project.

This determination is valid for one year from the date of this letter.

This review was conducted by the biologist listed below. He/she can be contacted at 814-234-4090.

☒ Pamela Shellenberger (x 241) ☐ Bonnie Dershem (x 234) ☐ Robert Anderson (x 228)
☐ Kathy Gipe (x 242)

SIGNATURE: _____

Cindy L. Holt
Supervisor, Pennsylvania Field Office

DATE: _____

6-25-08

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VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

U.S. Army Engineer District, Pittsburgh
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Re: **R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.
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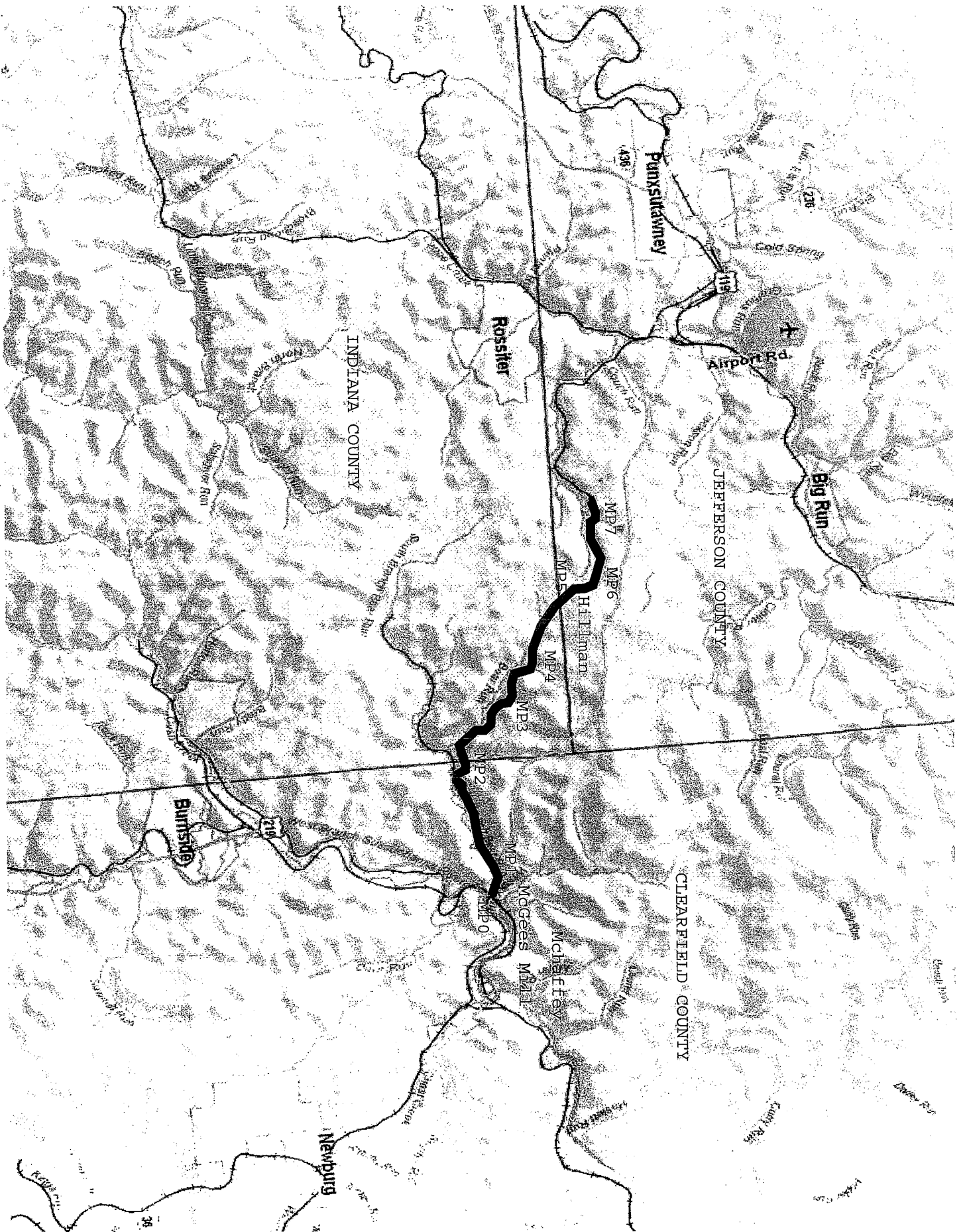
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June 10, 2008

Mr. Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Fletcher & Sippel, LLC, Attorneys at Law
29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920
Chicago, IL 60606-2832

We received your request on **June 5, 2008** and your project has been assigned to **Christina Schroeder**. **Christina** can be contacted at **(412) 395-7375** or via e-mail at:

Christina.L.Schroeder@usace.army.mil

Your Corps of Engineers File number is **2008-1398**. Please contact **Christina** with any questions and reference this file number in all correspondence with our office concerning this site.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Hans
Chief Regulatory Branch
Pittsburgh District USACE



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD FEDERAL BUILDING
1000 LIBERTY AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-4186

June 25, 2008

Operations Division
Regulatory Branch
2008-1398

Mr. Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Fletcher and Sippel, LLC
29 North Wacker Drive
Suite 920
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Mr. Barron:

I refer to your permit application received in this office June 5, 2008, for the R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. This project proposes the abandonment of approximately 7 miles of railroad line. The proposed abandonment starts at MP 0 near McGees and ends at MP 7 near Hillman in Clearfield, Indiana and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania. This project has been assigned Department of the Army Number 2008-1398. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Based on the information provided in the project description there is no proposed wetland or waterway impact (i.e. grading, bank stabilization, docks, etc.); a Federal permit is therefore not required. However, should the conditions of the proposed project change in such a way that a waterway or wetland will be impacted; you will be required to apply for Section 404 authorization.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jon T. Coleman at (412) 395-7188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Hans", is written over a horizontal line.

Scott A. Hans
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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June 3, 2008

VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Ms. Barbara Franco, SHPO
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
Commission
300 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: **R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Franco:

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Thank you for your assistance. Please call me should you have questions.

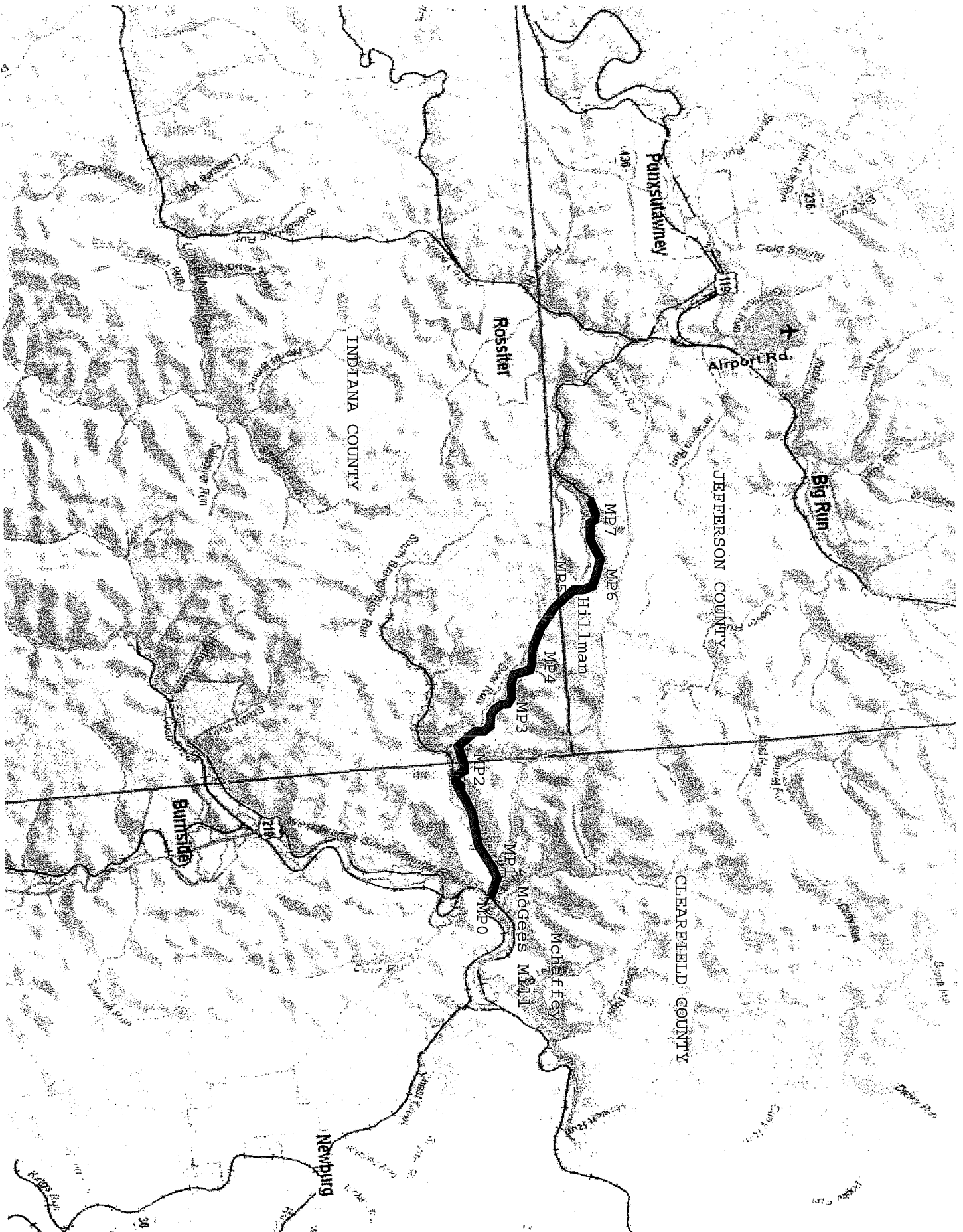
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APPENDIX J





Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Bureau for Historic Preservation
Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor
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Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093
www.phmc.state.pa.us

June 24, 2008

Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Fletcher & Sippel LLC
29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920
Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832

TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: File No. ER 2000-3155-042-H
STB: R.J. Corman Railroad
Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment, Clearfield,
Indiana & Jefferson Counties

Dear Mr. Barron:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

There is a high probability that prehistoric and historic archaeological resources are located in this project area. In our opinion, the activity described in your proposal should have no effect on such resources. Should the scope of the project be amended to include additional ground disturbing activity this office should be contacted immediately and a Phase I Archaeological Survey may be necessary to locate all potentially significant archaeological resources.

In our opinion no evaluation of historic structures will be necessary for this project area.

If you need further information in this matter please consult Kira Presler at (717) 705-0700.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. McLearn, Chief
Division of Archaeology &
Protection

DCM/tmw