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September 16, 2008

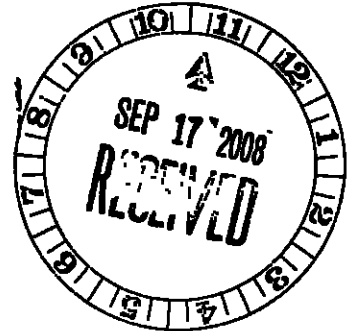
VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

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

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Re: **Docket No. AB-491 (Sub-No. 2K)**
R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—In Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of the Verified Notice of Exemption of R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines Inc., dated September 16, 2008, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. A check for the filing fee of \$3,700.00 is also enclosed.

One extra copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed as well. Please date stamp this copy to show receipt and return it to me in the enclosed envelope.

The Environmental/Historic Report for this proceeding has already been filed with the Board. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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

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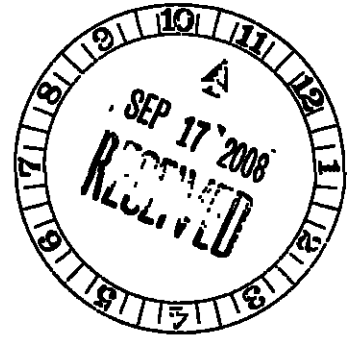
cc: Mr. Jeffrey Lundy
Ms. Debbie Hawley
Mr. Tim Potts

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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

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
R.J. CORMAN RAILROAD COMPANY/PENNSYLVANIA LINES, INC.
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ATTORNEY FOR R.J. CORMAN RAILROAD
COMPANY/PENNSYLVANIA LINES, INC.

Dated: September 16, 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

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
R.J. CORMAN RAILROAD COMPANY/PENNSYLVANIA LINES, INC.
49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc ("RJCP") hereby submits this Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, to abandon a segment of railroad known as the Hillman Branch, 7 miles long, extending from Milepost 0 near McGees to Milepost 7 near Hillman, in Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania.

In accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2), RJCP submits the following information:

General Corporate Information: 49 C.F.R. §1152.22(a)(1)-(2)

RJCP is a Class III common carrier by rail which owns and operates approximately 250 miles of active rail line in Pennsylvania. RJCP is owned by R.J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC, a non-carrier limited liability company, of which Richard J. Corman is the single member.

The complete name and address of RJCP is:

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc
P.O. Box 751
River Road off State Route 322
Clearfield, PA 16830

Relief Sought: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(3)

Pursuant to the Board's class exemption for the abandonment of out-of-service rail lines, codified at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, RJCP intends to abandon a line of railroad which is a 7 mile long segment known as the Hillman Branch from Milepost 0 to Milepost 7 in Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania.

Map: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)

A detailed map of the Hillman Branch is attached hereto as Exhibit A

RJCP's Representative: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)

RJCP's representative to whom correspondence regarding this abandonment should be sent is:

Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Fletcher & Sippel LLC
29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920
Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832
(312) 252-1511

ZIP Codes Traversed: 49 C.F.R. §1152.22(a)(8)

The Hillman Branch traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 15757, 15742 and 15767.

Qualifications for Class Exemption: 49 C.F.R. §1152.50(b)

Per the certificate and verification attached hereto as Exhibit B, RJCP certifies that no local traffic has moved over the Hillman Branch for at least the last two years, there is no overhead traffic on the Hillman Branch (the track ends at Milepost 7), and no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Hillman Branch (or a state or local governmental entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service on the proposed abandonment is

pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant during the last two years.

Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

RJCP will not consummate the proposed abandonment any earlier than November 6, 2008, which should be fifty days after the filing date of the Notice of Exemption.

Suitability for Other Public Purposes: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(e)(4)

RJCP is willing to consider a Rails-to-Trails agreement for the Hillman Branch. RJCP does not believe that the Hillman Branch would be of interest to the State or any other entity as a highway or mass transportation line or similar public use because of the steep ascending grade from Milepost 0 to Milepost 7 and because of the heavily forested topography adjoining the line. Based on limited records that RJCP has, title to the Hillman Branch appears to be more than just easement. Based on information in our possession, the subject line does not appear to contain any federally granted right of way.

Labor Protection: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

The level of labor protection applicable in rail line abandonments is that established in *Oregon Short Line Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Certificate of Compliance with Notice Requirements: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

A certificate that the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152(d)(1), 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8 and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been complied with is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Environmental/Historic Report: 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8

An Environmental/Historic Report, prepared pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8, was already filed with the Surface Transportation Board in this proceeding.

Since submitting the Report, RJCP received a letter from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The department did not object to the proposed abandonment. See Exhibit D. If RJCP does receive additional correspondence or input, it will forward that information to the STB.

Respectfully submitted,

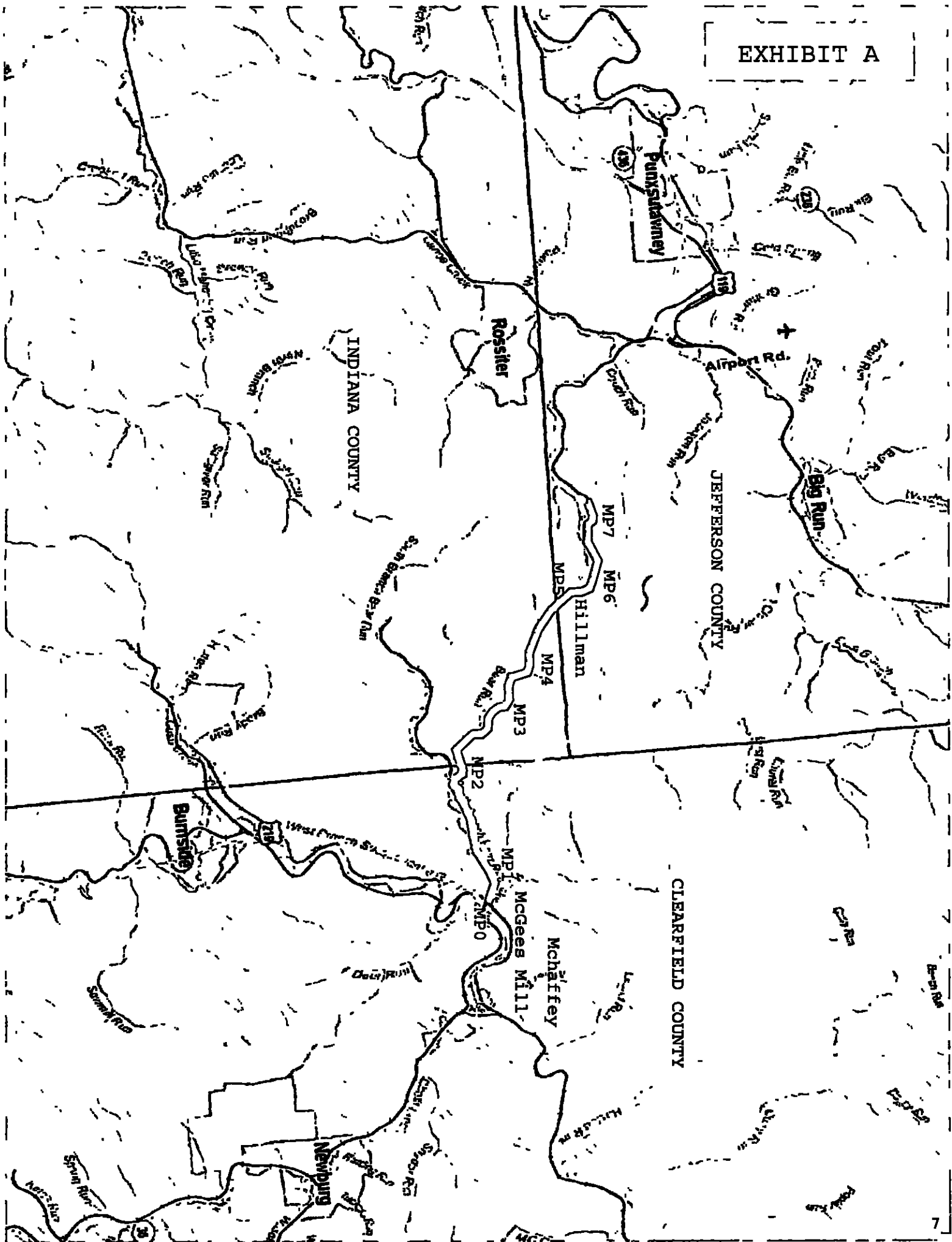
By: 

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

Dated: September 16, 2008

EXHIBIT A



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

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

CERTIFICATE AND VERIFICATION

STATE OF Kentucky
COUNTY OF Jessamine SS

Sherman W. Petree being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. That no local traffic has moved over the Hillman Branch of the R J Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc., which branch extends from Milepost 0 to Milepost 7, a distance of 7 miles, in Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania, for at least two years, and that there is no overhead traffic on this line that has to be rerouted, as the track ends at Milepost 7; and

2. That no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the subject line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the last two years; and

3. That he has read the foregoing Notice of Exemption, knows the facts therein asserted, and that the same are true as stated.

Dated September 12 2008

Sherman W. Petree
Name: Sherman Petree
Title: President

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 12 day of September 2008

Melissa Lyna Estes
Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
MARCH 22, 2009

CERTIFICATE

I, Michael J. Barron, Jr., an attorney for R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc., hereby certify that, for the proceeding before the Surface Transportation Board known as Docket No. AB-491 (Sub-No. 2X), R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania.

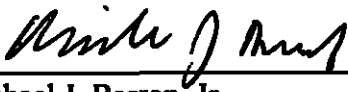
(1) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) have been complied with, to wit: On July 10, 2008, written notice was mailed to the (a) United States Department of Defense, MTMCEA, Attn: Railroads for National Defense; (b) Chief of the Forest Service, U S Department of Agriculture; (c) National Center for Recreation and Conservation, National Park Service; (d) the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; and (e) the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (copies of which are attached hereto as Attachments 1-5).

(2) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8 and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been complied with, to wit: On July 2, 2008, the Environmental/Historic Report for this proceeding, which report has also been filed with the Surface Transportation Board, and the accompanying transmittal letters in the form set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 (a sample of which is attached hereto as Attachment 6) were served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the parties listed on Attachment 7, which list includes the state historic preservation officer, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) and § 1105.11.

(3) A newspaper notice was published on June 11, 2008, in the Punxsutawney Spirit, a newspaper of general circulation in Jefferson County, on June 11, 2008, in the Indiana Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation in Indiana County, and on June 9, 2008, in the Progress News, a newspaper of general circulation in Clearfield County. The notices alerted the public to the

EXHIBIT C

proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the SIB proceeding. Copies of the notices and Affidavits of Publication are attached to this Certificate as Attachment 8.



Michael J. Barron, Jr.

Dated: September 16, 2008

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July 10, 2008

Department of Defense MTMCTEA
Attn: Railroads for National Defense
720 Thimble Shoals Blvd.
Suite 130
Newport News, Virginia 23606-2574

Re: **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 Sir/Madam:

This is to inform you that pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuance of Service and Trackage Rights), R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. shall on or after July 22, 2008, file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board for approval to abandon a 7-mile line of railroad between Milepost 0 near McGees, and Milepost 7 near Hillman in Clearfield, Jefferson and Indiana Counties, Pennsylvania. Such line runs through U.S. Postal Zip Codes 15757, 15742 and 15767.

The exemption procedures set forth in § 1152.50 are being used in this case because no local traffic has moved over this line for at least two years and there is no overhead traffic that would have to be rerouted over other lines. Based on information in our possession, the line does not contain any federally granted rights of way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

Very truly yours,



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Attachment 1

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service – Gail Kimbell
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Mailstop 1144
Washington, D.C. 20250-0003

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National Center for Recreation and
Conservation – The National Park Service
1849 "C" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: **Docket No. AB-491 (Sub-No. 2X), R.J. Corman Railroad
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Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120
Attn: Denise L. Pyers, Director of the Bureau
of Rail Freight, Ports and Waterways

**Re: Docket No. AB-491 (Sub-No. 2X), R.J. Corman Railroad
Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. ("RJCP")—Notice of Exemption for
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July 10, 2008

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265
Attn: Secretary's Bureau

Re: **Docket No. AB-491 (Sub-No. 2X), R.J. Corman Railroad
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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.

Attachment 6

**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

General Party	Address
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 7

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, 2nd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063
Ms. Barbara Franco, SHPO Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission	300 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

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

Notary Public

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

[The following text is extremely faint and largely illegible due to heavy scanning artifacts. It appears to be a standard affidavit of publication form.]

Advertising Receipt

Punxsutawney Spirit
P O. Box 444
Punxsutawney, PA 15767

Phone: 814-938-8740
Fax: 814-938-3794

Fletcher & Sippel LLC
Anthony Westenkirchner
29 North Wacker Drive
CHICAGO , IL 60606

Acct #: 01111497
Ad #: 00001866
Phone: (312)252-1542
Date: 06/10/2008
Ad taker: ah **Salesperson:**

Sort Line: NOTICE R J. Corman Railroad Co

Classification: 999

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Ad Text:

NOTICE

R J Corman 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

Payment Reference:

Total: 229 50
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Net: 229.50
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Total Due 0 00



Proof of Publication

State of Pennsylvania
County of Indiana

ISS

On this 26th day of June 2008, A D

before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared

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

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

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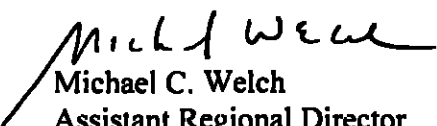
Re: Corman Railroad Historic Report

Dear Mr. Barron:

I am writing in regards to the above-referenced submittal which you made to our office. Regional staff have completed a preliminary review of your proposal and do not have any specific comments of concern relating to this project. The only possible issue could be if contamination (diesel fuel, barrels, etc.) was discovered when they remove the rails and disturb the ballast material. If that would occur please contact our office for assistance.

If you should need any further help please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Michael C. Welch
Assistant Regional Director

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