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Hon. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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January 15, 2009

Re: Shannon Transport, Inc. -
Abandonment Exemption - Clarion County, PA
STB Docket No. AB-1004(X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the Applicant to respond to the enclosed letter from Allegheny Valley Land Trust, sent to the Board on January 14, 2009 (but not yet posted on the Board's website as received), requesting an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use from the current expiration date of January 18, 2009.

Applicant hereby advises the Board that it is agreeable to the request to extend the period to negotiate an interim trail use and rail banking agreement with Allegheny Valley Land Trust, for an additional 180 days.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Eric M. Hocky

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cc: Allegheny Valley Land Trust (by email)

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**RE: Shannon Transport, Inc.
Abandonment Exemption in Clarion County
STB Docket No. AB1004 (X)**

Dear Acting Secretary:

This is a request from the Allegheny Valley Land Trust for an additional extension of 180 days for the purpose of completing ongoing negotiations with Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC for the acquisition of the line for interim trail use/ rail banking. We have been in continuous negotiations. Draft agreements have been exchanged between the parties with positive progress made with each exchange. Additional items needing addressed has recently arose. More time is needed to consummate the agreement with both parties willing to continue negotiations until an agreement is secured.

The property, known as the Shannon Transport, Inc. line connects the Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC line at milepost 6.0 and extends westward to the end of track milepost 4.0, and the connecting former Sligo Running Track which runs from milepost 0.0 near Lawsonham, Clarion County, Pennsylvania northward to milepost 10.5 at Sligo. Clarion County, Pennsylvania

The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for Abandonment by Shannon Transport, LLC in STB Docket No. AB1004 (Sub-No. X).

.A Service Date of July 27, 2007 by the Surface Transportation Board stated a 180 day period to January 24, 2008 for an agreement for interim trail/railbanking. An extension was granted to July 22, 2008 and an additional extension to January 18, 2009. Both parties are in an agreement to request another extension while the draft agreement is being finalized.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Shannon Transport, Inc representative Eric M. Hocky, Esquire.

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by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 14th day of January, 2009 .

This request is being faxed to STB. A follow up paper copy with the filing fee will be mailed to STB.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Steffey
on behalf of Allegheny Valley Land Trust