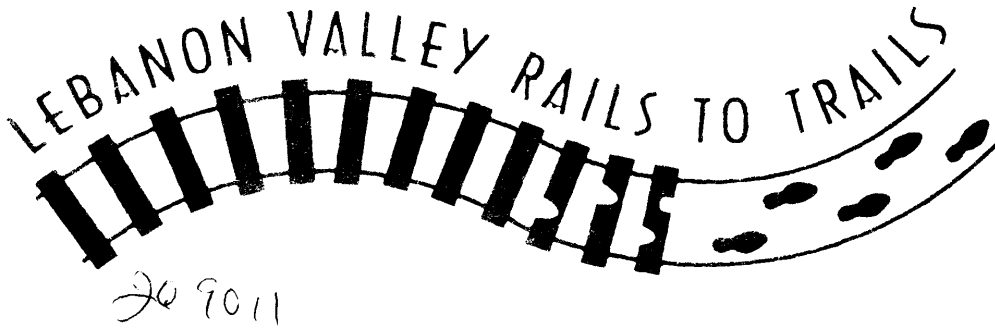




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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
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1925 K St., NW
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Re: R.J. Corman Railroad Company / Allentown Lines Exemption Abandonment - Lebanon County, Pa.-
AB 550 (Sub-No. IX)

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision dated October 11, 2001, the Surface Transportation Board granted Lebanon Valley Rails-to-Trails' (LVRT) request for a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) for the above referenced line. This NITU was subsequently extended by decisions dated April 11, 2002, October 10, 2002 and April 10, 2003.

At this time, LVRT requests a fourth extension of the NITU for an additional 180 days so that remaining negotiations with the applicant RJCN can be completed. Applicants' representative has indicated to LVRT that RJCN would agree to an extension of the negotiating period.

By my signature below, I certify service upon applicants representative: Edward J. Fishman, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036-1800., By U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class, this 25th day of September.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. Wengert
President

on behalf of: Lebanon Valley Rails-to-Trails