



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

April 25, 2025

**RE: Docket No. FD 36833, Lampwrights LLC – Construction and Operation
Exemption – Line of Railroad in Elk and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania;
Preliminary Consultation**

Dear Agency Representative:

Lampwrights LLC (Lampwrights) is planning to seek authority from the Surface Transportation Board (Board) to construct and operate a new rail line in Elk and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania (Project). The Project would involve construction of a new rail line from the O-I Crenshaw Glass Plant to the Superior Greentree Landfill. As part of its licensing process, the Board will conduct an environmental review of the Project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370m-11), and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. 306108 (NHPA). Pursuant to NEPA, NHPA, and the Board's environmental rules at 49 C.F.R. Part 1105, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will prepare an environmental document that evaluates the potential environmental and historic impacts of the Project.

OEA is writing to notify your agency about the Project and to request information on any environmental resources that may be affected by construction and operation of the new rail line. Your agency's comments will assist us in preparing the appropriate NEPA document for the Project.

Project Description

Lampwrights proposes to construct and operate approximately 3.87 miles (20,427 feet) of new rail line that would begin at the end of an active Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. (BPRR) line located at the O-I Crenshaw Glass Plant and terminate at the Superior Greentree Landfill, which is owned by Noble Environmental, LLC. The proposed rail line would be constructed on a former railroad right-of-way, known as the Toby Branch. As part of the former Erie-Lackawanna Railroad, the Toby Branch previously served a coal mine. Lampwrights also intends to construct private industry track to receive waste at the Superior Greentree Landfill. The Project is located in Northwest Pennsylvania approximately 2 miles east of the Borough of Brockway and approximately 8 miles north of the City of DuBois, as shown on the map in **Attachment 1**.

Lampwrights has stated that the purpose of the Project would be to provide waste-by-rail to the Superior Greentree Landfill and to replace truck traffic with rail service. Over the last 20

to 25 years, the Superior Greentree Landfill has received much of its daily permitted volume from out-of-state waste originating from New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. Out-of-state shipments to the Superior Greentree Landfill must be shipped via trucks because the landfill lacks a direct rail connection.

Lampwrights preliminarily estimates that it would ship one in-bound train and one empty out-bound train per week. The planned trains would consist of hermetically sealed intermodal containers using 89-foot flat cars. The Superior Greentree Landfill would use a crane to move the sealed containers from the rail cars to trucks. The containers would then travel via truck within the landfill property to the final unloading facility. The total length of the trains would be approximately 6,675 feet and would be comprised of 75 cars. Lampwrights anticipates that BPRR would operate the proposed rail line.

Request for Comments

OEA is requesting any comments that your agency may have **by May 25, 2025**, so that OEA may begin the process of identifying the appropriate scope of the environmental review for the Project. To submit a response, select “File an Environmental Comment” on the Board’s website at www.stb.gov (below the “Need Assistance?” button). Please make sure to refer to Docket No. FD 36833 in all correspondence, including e-filings, addressed to the Board. Brief comments can be typed in the comment field provided, and lengthier comments can be attached as Word, Adobe Acrobat, or other file formats. The distribution list of those receiving this letter is included in **Attachment 2**.

You may also send written comments to Elizabeth Webster, OEA’s Project Manager for the environmental review, by mail to:

Elizabeth Webster
Surface Transportation Board (Docket No. FD 36833)
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

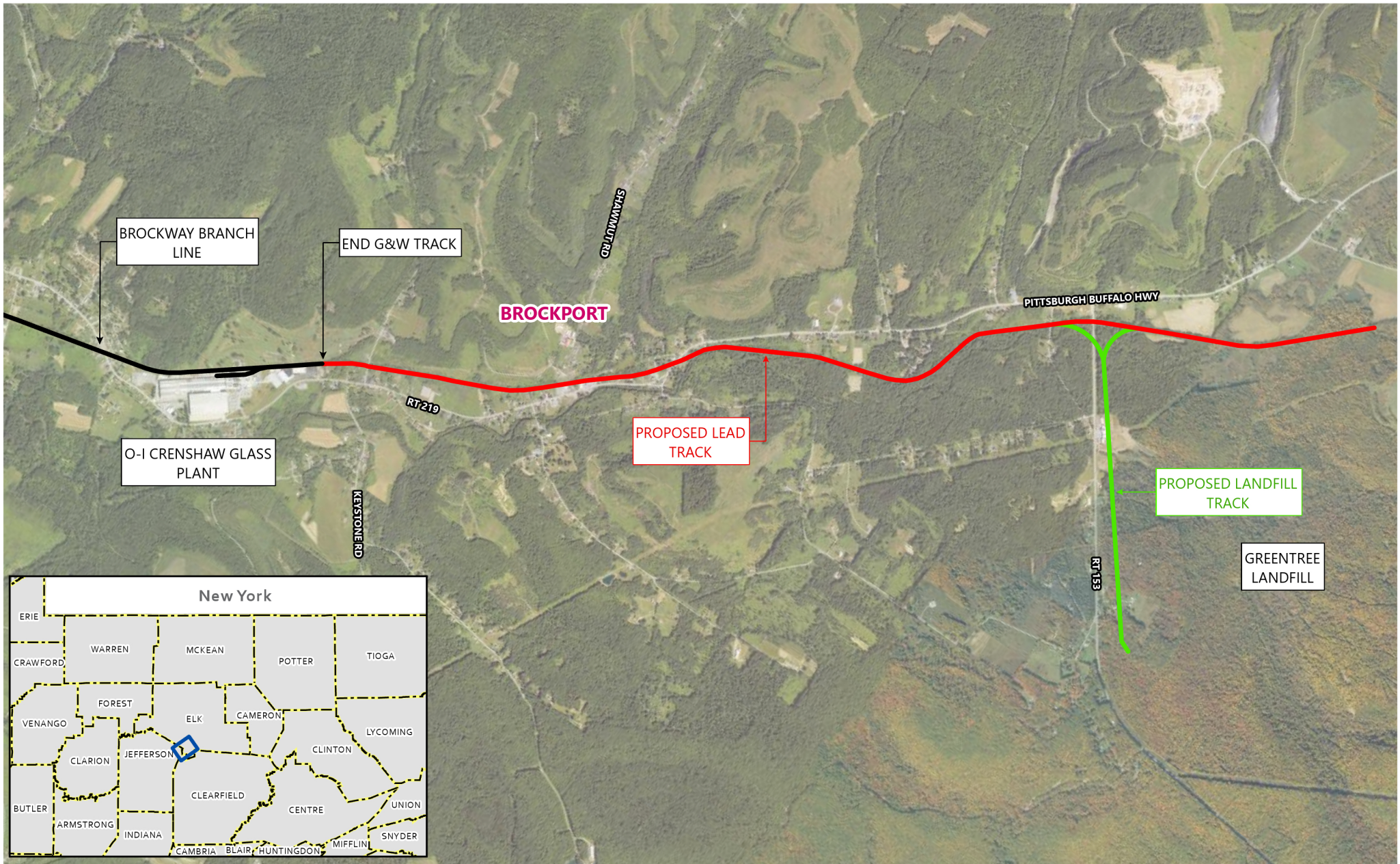
We look forward to your participation in the environmental review process. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a call, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Webster of my staff at 202-360-0742 or by email at elizabeth.webster@stb.gov.

Sincerely,



Danielle Gosselin
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Proposed Rail Line Location Map
Distribution List



Existing Track
Proposed Track



LAMPWRIGHTS PROJECT LOCATION

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Attachment 2: Distribution List

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The below lists all federal, state, and local elected officials; federal, state and local agencies; and tribal nations; contacted by the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in connection with the above referenced Docket No. FD 36833.

Federal, State, and Local Elected Officials

- United States Senator John Fetterman
- United States Senator Dave McCormick
- United States Representative Glenn Thompson
- State Senator Cris Dush
- State Representative Mike Armanini
- State Representative Brian Smith
- Michael Holt, Chairman, Snyder Township
- PJ Piccirillo, Supervisor, Horton Township
- Tim Hutchins, Supervisor, Horton Township
- Kim Faulk, Supervisor, Horton Township
- Fritz Lecker, Elk County Commissioner
- Matthew G. Quesenberry, Sr., Elk County Commissioner
- Gregory J. Gebauer, Elk County Commissioner
- Scott North, Chairman, Jefferson County Commissioner
- Mark Humes, Vice-chairman, Jefferson County Commissioner
- Jeffrey Pisarcik, Secretary, Jefferson County Commissioner
- Bill Hrinya, Mayor of Brockway Borough

Federal Agencies

- Leslie Gillespie-Marthaler, Director, Environmental Justice, Community Health, and Environmental Review Division EPA - Region 3 (Mid-Atlantic)
- Jodie Mamuscia, USFWS - Pennsylvania Ecological Services Field Office
- Erin Matthews, USACE - Pittsburgh District
- Kimberly Bouchard, Regional Director, Indian Services, BIA - Eastern Region
- Michael A. Horvath, Field Office Director, HUD - Pittsburgh Field Office

- Lilian Hutchinson, Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA - Region 3
- Dr. Shachak Pe'eri, Acting Director, NOAA - National Geodetic Survey
- Denise Coleman, State Conservationist, NRCS - Pennsylvania State Office

State Agencies

- Mark Schultz, Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Coordinator, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) District 2 - Elk County Office
- Jeff Matko, Transportation Grade Crossing Engineer, PennDOT District 10 - Jefferson County Office
- Barbara Frederick, Environmental Review Division Manager, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Pennsylvania - State Historic Preservation Office, Environmental Review Division
- Jesse Bish, Director, Pennsylvania Game Commission - Northwest Region
- Mark Ternent, Director, Pennsylvania Game Commission - Northcentral Region
- Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Adam Mattis, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Region 6, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation
- Peter Schuster, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection - Water
- Clem DeLattre, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection - Waste

Local Agencies

- Jill Martin-Rend, Chairman, Planning Commission, Jefferson County - Department of Development
- Tracy Gerber, Planning Director, Elk County - Planning Department
- Laurie Wayne, Manager, Brockway Borough

Tribal Nations

- Deborah Dotson, President, Delaware Nation, Oklahoma
- Katelyn Lucas, THPO, Delaware Nation, Oklahoma
- Susan Bachor, THPO, Delaware Tribe of Indians
- Larry Heady, THPO, Delaware Tribe of Indians
- Brad Killscrow, Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians
- Rickey Armstrong, President, Seneca Nation of Indians
- Joe Stahlman, Seneca-Iroquois National Museum/THPO Director, Seneca Nation of Indians
- Charles Diebold, Chief, Seneca-Cayuga Nation
- William Tarrant, THPO, Seneca-Cayuga Nation