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Re: Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc. -
Abandonment Exemption - In Elk and Cameron Counties
Docket No. AB-854 (X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

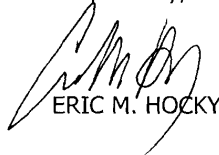
I am writing to respond on behalf of the Applicant to the letter dated July 6, 2004 from Elk County requesting, on behalf of itself and Cameron County, an extension of Notice of Interim Trail Use for a period of 90 days from the current expiration date of July 27, 2004.

Applicant hereby advises the Board that it is agreeable to the requested extension to extend the period to negotiate an interim trail use and railbanking agreement with both Elk and Cameron Counties.

An original and ten (10) copies of this letter are being sent to the Board for filing of record in this proceeding.

Please time stamp the extra copy of this letter to indicate receipt, and return it to me in the stamped self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

Respectfully,


ERIC M. HOCKY

cc: Cameron County
Elk County

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