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November 19, 2010

Honorable Ann K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Patriots Plaza
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Notice of Exemption in STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1185X) under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments to abandon a portion of a line of railroad known as the Robbinsville Industrial Track (the “Line”), between milepost 32.20+/- and milepost 37.90+/- in the municipalities of Hamilton Township (“Hamilton”) and Robbinsville Township (“Robbinsville”), Mercer County, New Jersey, a distance of approximately 5.7 miles (“Rail Line Abandonment”)

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

The New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (HPO) has been in consultation with Conrail on the proposed abandonment of the Robbinsville Industrial Track. I write to inform you that we have reached an agreement in principal with Conrail on the terms of an MOA for the project. While the MOA is being finalized, I support an interim order from the STB allowing for the removal of the tracks (except in one small section in the historic district of Windsor).

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (609) 633-2397 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Saunders
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

C: John Enright, Conrail
Catherine Glidden