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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1265X – Lehigh Valley Rail Management, LLC –
Abandonment Exemption – In Cambria County, PA

Dear Ms. Brown:

By decision served October 8, 2019, the Board modified its exemption of the abandonment of the Line to the extent necessary to allow Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority (“CCCRA”), as the proposed trail sponsor, to negotiate interim trail use and rail banking with Lehigh Valley Rail Management, LLC (“LVRM”). The negotiating period inadvertently expired on April 6, 2020, without a request for extension having been filed.

CCCRA and LVRM have not finalized their negotiations for interim trail use, and both parties desire to continue the negotiations. LVRM has not consummated the abandonment of the Line, and accordingly, the Board retains jurisdiction over the Line and the NITU may be extended. CCCRA requests that the Board extend the negotiating period for a one-year period until April 6, 2021, to allow the parties the necessary time to reach agreement.

CCCRA understands that in accordance with the Board’s policy as set forth in 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1), any applicable filing fees will be waived by the Board for filings made by a local government entity such as CCCRA.

As noted below, LVRM supports this request, and agrees to continue negotiating with CCCRA. CCCRA has authorized LVRM’s counsel to file this request on behalf of CCCRA and LVRM.

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Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehigh Valley Rail Management, LLC hereby supports the foregoing request for extension of the negotiating period, confirms that it is willing to continue to negotiate with CCCRA, and that it has not yet consummated the abandonment.

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