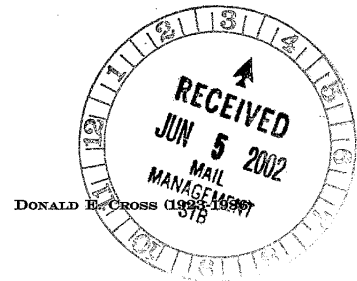


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Vernon A. Williams
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1925 K Street, NW
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Re: Railroad Ventures, Inc. Abandonment Exemption -
Between Youngstown, OH and Darlington, PA in
Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, OH and Beaver
County, PA; STB Docket No. AB-556 (Sub-No. 2X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

We have received a copy of Attorney Wilson's letter of May 29, 2002 in which he seeks to justify Railroad Venture's ("RVI") continued refusal to arrange immediate transfer to the Columbiana County Port Authority ("CCPA") agreements, leases, licenses and crossings as ordered by the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") in its decision served on November 9, 2001. Mr. Wilson now claims that RVI cannot be certain as to which interests in the line its affiliate Venture Properties of Boardman ("VPB") is entitled to retain.

First of all, the Board declared in its November 2001 decision that "neither RVI nor VRB has any remaining right, title or interest in this rail line other than in (specifically defined) First Energy Corporation easements and the licenses and crossing listed in Exhibit A (Confidential Version) to Exhibit 7 of CCPA's Request To Set Terms, filed earlier in this proceeding." The Board further clarified that "VPB holds rights or interests in only four of the leases listed in Exhibit Y appended to the Handel Verified Statement of May 29, 2001¹" because those four leases were listed in CCPA's evidentiary submission. Specifically those leases are:

¹ In that statement Mr. Handel claimed that the STB could not restrict RVI's purported transfer to VPB of 105 specified interests it acquired from the Y&S Railroad Company. Copy of Exhibit Y is attached. (Interests identified in the Rossi appraisal report are shown with an asterisk)

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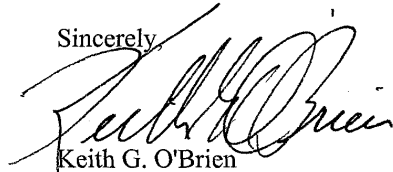
Ohio Bell lease effective 3/1/83
Ohio Edison lease effective 4/1/7
Ohio Edison lease effective 4/30/76
Mahoning County lease effective 8/1/66

The November 2001 decision ordered RVI to arrange for transfer effective January 24, 2001 from either VPB or RVI to CCPA all interests in the line other than the First Energy Easements and the other interests specifically identified in CCPA's appraisal report. Only four of the 105 interests listed in Mr. Handel's statement were listed in CCPA's appraisal.

Second, since Mr. Handel submitted the list of 105 interests in the line which RVI purportedly transferred to VPB and only four of those interests appear in Mr. Rossi's appraisal report, RVI's claims that it is unsure as to which of those previously undisclosed interests are required to be returned to CCPA are patently ridiculous. There is nothing vague or uncertain about the Board's orders or that RVI is required to transfer every one of the 101 interests that was not identified in CCPA's appraisal report.

The only plausible explanation for RVI's asserted uncertainty or confusion as to specific interests that must be transferred to CCPA would be that RVI and its affiliate have not yet disclosed all of the interests they are withholding in defiance of the Board's orders. Since RVI continues to evade and ignore CCPA's efforts to acquire and manage all of its rightful property interests, the Board's intervention is clearly needed to effect compliance with its orders. Such action would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Keith G. O'Brien
Counsel for Columbiana County
Port Authority

cc: CCPA
All parties of record

	Lease Date	Effective Date
Arco Pipe Line	6/1/47	
Francis Bezdek	7/27/64	6/1/64
Col Gas of Ohio	10/17/12	
Col Gas of Pa	11/22/28	
Col Gas of Pa	6/15/29	
Col Gas of Pa	8/1/28	
Col Gas Transmission	12/17/58	
Col Gas Transmission	7/25/57	7/25/57
Col Gas Transmission	1/31/55	1/31/55
Col Gas Transmission	1/31/55	1/31/55
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Donohue RR Equip	8/2/89	
East Ohio Gas	11/15/45	
East Ohio Gas	3/24/38	
R.D Golladay	7/16/73	6/1/73
International Coopuregia	10/27/37	
Lakewood Chem	4/12/65	
Ray B Meehan	12/30/57	1/1/58
Ohio Bell	2/18/87	1/1/87
Ohio Bell	<u>6/16/83</u>	<u>3/1/83</u> *
Ohio Edison	9/1/27	
Ohio Edison	8/5/24	
Ohio River Pipe Line	9/13/79	8/1/79
Ohio Water Service	12/6/65	11/1/65
Ohio Water Service	10/14/84	
Ohio Water Service	3/10/68	3/10/58
Pa Power Co	9/21/88	8/1/88
Pa Power Co	1/26/81	11/1/80
Pa Power Co	1/26/81	11/1/80
Pa Power Co	8/27/58	8/27/58
Sun Pipe	10/6/30	10/6/30
Sun Pipe	9/23/30	9/1/30
Sun Pipe	7/14/67	5/1/67
Sun Pipe	7/14/67	5/1/67
Tennessee Gas	5/29/50	5/29/50
Tennessee Gas	4/19/66	4/1/66
Tennessee Gas	2/2/54	2/2/54
Pa Power Co	2/27/84	1/1/84
Village of Col	5/5/85	5/5/85
David W Thompson	4/17/47	5/1/47
Ohio Edison	<u>7/1/76</u>	<u>4/30/76</u> *
City of YO	8/7/84	4/1/84
Village of Col	2/12/80	2/1/80
Mah County	1/28/39	1/28/39
Village of Col	3/10/84	3/10/64
Village of Col	10/19/54	10/19/54
Ohio Water Service	5/15/72	8/1/71
Col Gas	12/18/70	11/1/70
City of YO	6/19/64	6/19/64
Ohio Water Service	10/1/60	10/1/60
Ohio Bell	7/27/72	6/1/72
Col Gas of Ohio	3/24/71	3/1/71
Ohio Water Service	10/6/65	9/1/65
Ohio Edison	5/27/29	5/27/29
Ohio Edison	<u>7/19/67</u>	<u>4/1/67</u> *

EXHIBIT Y

Lease Date Effective Date

City of YO	6/19/64	6/19/64
Gulf Refining	3/24/38	3/24/38
Buckeye Pipeline	9/25/69	9/25/69
Buckeye Pipeline	11/28/67	10/1/67
Gunning Refractories	12/15/75	11/30/75
Ohio Bell	6/6/73	2/1/73
Ohio Bell	10/26/65	9/1/65
Ohio Bell	6/8/60	6/8/60
Ohio Bell	10/21/68	10/1/68
Ohio Bell	6/20/66	8/1/66
Ohio Bell	2/12/53	2/12/53
Ohio Bell	4/18/77	2/1/77
Ohio Edison	1/16/50	1/16/50
Ohio Edison	11/2/65	11/2/65
Ohio Edison	11/2/65	11/2/65
East Ohio Gas	6/19/64	4/1/64
Ohio Bell	3/17/64	2/1/64
East Ohio Gas	3/18/64	2/1/64
East Ohio Gas	6/11/70	4/1/70
Mah County	9/23/64	8/1/64
Mah County	4/25/91	2/1/91
Beaver Falls AID	2/2/77	1/1/77
Ohio Water Service	10/30/61	10/1/61
Col Gas of Ohio	12/6/64	11/1/64
Pa Power Co	5/4/83	3/1/83
Central Commer	11/21/60	11/21/60
AT & T	4/13/71	4/13/71
Borough of Glasgow	2/10/84	2/13/84
City of YO	6/27/58	6/27/58
CNG Trans	7/20/89	1/1/89
Airtel, Inc	4/4/88	2/1/88
Airtel, Inc	12/28/60	12/28/60
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Ohio Bell	6/11/70	3/1/70
East Ohio Gas	9/6/73	8/1/73
Village of Col	12/11/72	9/1/72
Village of Col	12/2/81	9/1/81
Col Transmission	6/4/59	6/4/59
Boardman Supply	10/7/88	10/7/88
Col Gas of Ohio	6/4/59	6/4/59
Boardman Supply	10/7/88	10/7/88
Col Gas of Ohio	12/28/60	12/28/60
Mah County	7/18/66	8/1/66
City of YO	12/18/58	12/18/58
Janel Mong	4/14/81	3/1/81
Company Store		1/1/97
Arthur Lightfoot	1/7/63	1/1/63

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