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Mr. Kenneth Blodgett  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Washington, DC 20423

By Hand Delivery



Re: Docket No. AB-551 (Sub-No. 1X)  
Knox & Kane Railroad Abandonment

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

Enclosed please find a letter from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission indicating the State's satisfaction with the environmental status of the subject line.

We believe that Pennsylvania's enclosed communication now fully satisfies the environmental conditions imposed in the Board's decision of October 30, 2009, and that, subject to the timetable for interim trail use agreements, Knox & Kane can proceed with the abandonment. Please confirm that understanding.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Goldstein  
Attorney for  
Knox & Kane Railroad

cc: Knox & Kane Railroad  
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Re: File No. ER 1998-1785-031-E  
STB Docket No. AB-551  
(Sub-No. 1X): Knox & Kane  
Railroad Abandonment  
Marienville, Clarion County

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

Based on our survey files, which include both archaeological sites and standing structures, there are no National Register eligible or listed historic or archaeological properties in the area of this proposed project. Therefore, your responsibility for consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office for this project is complete. Should you become aware, from any source, that historic or archaeological properties are located at or near the project site, please notify the Bureau for Historic Preservation at (717) 783-8946.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. McLearen, Chief  
Division of Archaeology &  
Protection

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