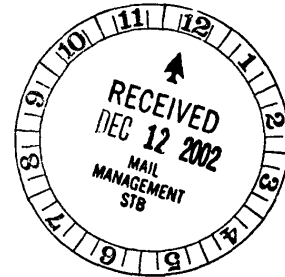


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December 10, 2002

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION—ABANDONMENT-Indiana County, PA STB
Docket No. AB-167 (SUB-No. 1182X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

This comment should be treated as a Petition for Extension of Notice of Interim Trail Use in connection with the above-captioned matter.

By decision served June 25, 2002, at the request of the Cambria and Indiana Trail Council (CITC), the Surface Transportation Board extended the negotiating period under the Notice of Interim Trail Use until December 26, 2002 for the entire line in Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1182X), an 11.80-mile portion of the Blairsville Secondary Track between milepost 5.70+ and milepost 17.50+, in Indiana County, PA.

Norfolk Southern (NS) and CITC have come to an agreement for transfer of this property. It is anticipated that the closing will occur in January 2003. Accordingly, we are requesting a ninety (90) day extension of the trail use condition.

Mr. John Foley, representative for Norfolk Southern, concurs in the requested extension of the trail use condition. The parties request an extension of the current trail use condition to and including March 26, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Lafontaine
Laurie Lafontaine, Chair,

Cambria and Indiana Trail Council

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