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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: STB Docket No. AB-1317X
Kiski Junction Railroad, Inc. - Abandonment Exemption –
In Armstrong and Westmoreland Counties, PA
Interim Trails Use Agreement Reached

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(h), Kiski Junction Railroad, Inc. ("KJRR") as the owner of the rail line being abandoned in Docket No. AB-1317X, and Armstrong County, as the holder of the replacement NITU authorized by the Board in the decision served August 15, 2022, hereby jointly notify the Board that KJRR and Armstrong County entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") covering the line of railroad (1) Line Code 2229, from at or near mile post 30.0 in Alladin to milepost 28.8 in Armstrong and Westmoreland Counties, PA; and (2) Line Code 2242, from milepost 0.0 at the connection of Line Code 2229, to milepost 4.0, in Armstrong County, PA (together the "Rail Line"). The Agreement became effective as an interim trail use agreement upon the issuance of the Board's August 15 decision.

KJRR and Armstrong County certify that the Agreement includes provisions requiring Armstrong County to fulfill the responsibilities described in 49 CFR §1152.29(a)(2) as were set forth in the Statement of Willingness of Armstrong County dated July 22, 2022, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR §1152.29(h), a map of the Rail Line is enclosed herewith.

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The filing of this letter has been authorized by KJRR and Armstrong County.
Please let us know if there are any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully,

CLARK HILL, PLC

/s/ Eric M. Hocky

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cc (by email):

Andrew J. Sacco, Counsel for Armstrong County
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John David Anderson, Railroad Equipment Restoration Association

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under Section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 CFR 1152.29 with respect to the Rail Line (as defined below) owned by Kiski Junction Railroad, Inc. ("KJRR"), Armstrong County, Pennsylvania ("Armstrong County") is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of the right-of-way (unless the user is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability), and for payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the Rail Line.

The property, two segments of rail line: (1) Line Code 2229, from at or near milepost 30.0 in Alladin, Pa., to milepost 28.8, in Armstrong and Westmoreland Counties, Pa.; and (2) Line Code 2242, from milepost 0.0 at the connection of Line Code 2229, to milepost 4.0, in Armstrong County, Pa. (together, the "Rail Line") a total distance of approximately 5.2 miles. The property is all of the line of railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB-1317X.

A map depicting the Rail Line is attached.

Armstrong County acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

A copy of this statement is being served on KJRR on the same date that it is being served on the Board.

Armstrong County

By: Pat Fabian

Name: PAT FABIAN

Title: ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dated: July 22, 2022

