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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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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 December 20, 2001, 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 June 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.

Because of the acquisition of Conrail by Norfolk Southern (NS) and subsequent transitions that are still occurring because of this, negotiations between the CITC and Conrail/NS will require more time. NS is still dealing with regulatory issues thereby delaying negotiations with CITC. The STB has already granted earlier extensions. CITC is requesting a further extension of the trail use condition for one hundred eighty days (180) in order to permit adequate time for final negotiations. Mr. John Foley, representative for Norfolk Southern, concurs in the requested extension of the trail use condition. Accordingly, the parties request an extension of the current trail condition to and including December 26, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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Laurie Lafontaine, Chair,

Cambria and Indiana Trail Council



