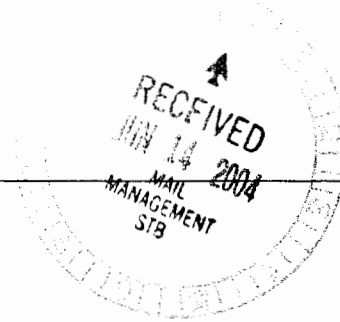




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**Re: Docket No. AB-875X, R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Bardstown Line –
Discontinuance Exemption - In Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties, and
Docket No. AB-876X, R.J. Corman Equipment Company, LLC – Abandonment
Exemption – In Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky**

Dear Mr. Litwiler:

Be advised that the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has reviewed the notice of intent to file petition for exemption for R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Bardstown Line to discontinue service on and R.J. Corman Equipment Company, LLC to abandon a line of railroad extending from milepost 0.05 at Dawkins, Kentucky to the end of track at milepost 36.13 near Evanston, Kentucky, a distance of approximately 36.08 miles in Johnson, Magoffin, and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky and has no comments concerning the proposed actions. No prime, unique or other important farmlands will be adversely affected by the removal of the rail line.

Contact Jacob Kuhn, Assistant State Conservationist for Natural Resources Planning (859-224-7371) with any questions regarding this response. Sincerely,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Sawyer".

DAVID G. SAWYER
State Conservationist

cc: Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C.
David Edwards, District Conservationist, Jackson, KY
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Robert Bradley, Area Conservationist, Mount Sterling, KY