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



IN RE: Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc., Rail Abandonment Exemption,
Elk County, PA, STB Docket No. AB-854X

Dear Mr. Williams:

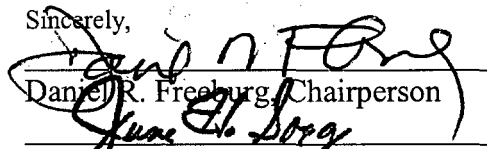
In reference to the above which proposes the abandonment of the 18.9 mile rail corridor extending from Emporium, Cameron County, PA to St. Marys, Elk County, PA on October 28, 2003, the Surface Transportation Board granted a Notice of Interim Trail Use to the Counties of Cameron and Elk for a period of 180 days. Elk and Cameron Counties since that time have requested and have been granted a series of extensions to the interim trail use period with the most recent extension to expire October 15, 2006.

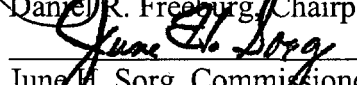
Representatives from Cameron and Elk Counties have entered into negotiations with Allegheny & Eastern Railroad to acquire the corridor. However, no agreement has yet been reached and will likely not be reached prior to October 15, 2006. Allegheny & Eastern has indicated its willingness to continue negotiations. Elk County in conjunction with Cameron County is therefore requesting a 90-day extension to expire January 13, 2007.

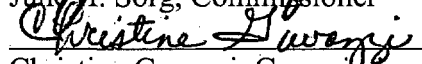
The County of Elk is forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. David Collins, President of Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, 1200-C Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY 14624, requesting that Allegheny & Eastern Railroad notify the Surface Transportation Board of its willingness to continue negotiations with Elk and Cameron Counties to acquire the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration. An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use.

Sincerely,


Daniel R. Freeburg, Chairperson


June H. Sorg, Commissioner


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cc - David Collins, Allegheny & Eastern Railroad
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