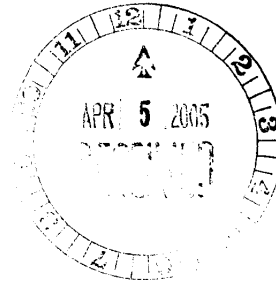


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PLEASE REPLY TO:
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April 5, 2005

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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VIA FACSIMILE (202) 565 9004 AND U.S. MAIL

Re: *Rocky Mount And Western Railroad Co., Inc. - Abandonment Exemption*
Nash County, North Carolina
Docket No. AB-883 (Sub-No. 1X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing to follow up on my correspondence of April 4, wherein the North Carolina Department Of Transportation (NCDOT) petitioned for a 30-day (until May 8, 2005) extension of time to submit an Offer Of Financial Assistance (OFA) in the above-referenced proceeding.

I am informed that Rocky Mount And Western Railroad Co., Inc. (RM & W) has no objection to the requested extension, and am writing apprising you of that fact.

Please advise as regards the NCDOT's request for such extension.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott K. Beaver', written over a horizontal line.

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Assistant Attorney General

cc: Rocky Mount And Western Railroad Co., Inc.
Rose-Michele Weinryb, Esq.