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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, DC 20423

Attention: Diana Wood

RE: Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 779X)

Correspondence Electronically Submitted

To Whom it May Concern,

It has recently come to our attention that CSX has filed abandonment action on a section of track that runs through the Mahoning Valley region. This line has connection to a short-line railroad right-of-way we own and has the potential of providing service to a variety of businesses and should not be abandoned. Abandonment this line will have serious economic impact in future development efforts of the Warren, Ohio area.

We respectfully request a six-month extension on the deadlines associated with abandonment filing Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 779X) due to our interest in this CSX right of way for possible use and economic development efforts and because we only recently became aware of this abandonment filing. We need time to organize a potential plan of action.

You may also wish to note that the Newton Falls Subdivision would link MVEDC/G&W rail corridors in Warren and Niles to the CSX mainline, and the right of way itself passes near several potential shippers with which CSX apparently has made no effort to develop business. Here is a list of potential shippers and railroad connections, including to Cleveland, Akron, Pittsburgh, Ashtabula and more distant cities and ports:

1. Connection at Newton Falls to CSX Railroad
2. Strategic Merchandise Group (ex-Plastech Engineered Products), 1536 1st St, Newton Falls
3. Connection at Leavittsburg & Warren to Youngstown Belt Railroad (Genesee & Wyoming)
4. Engineered Wire Products, 3121 W. Market St, Warren
5. Thomas Steel Strip Corp., 2518 W. Market St, Warren (brings steel from Port of Cleveland)
6. Ohio Edison Warren Service Center, 2319 W. Market St, Warren
7. NEO-ARC, 1400 Front Street SW, Warren
8. Peerless Electric, 1401 W. Market St, Warren

9. Warren City Maintenance Division, 521 Main Ave SW, Warren
10. REM Electronic Supply Co, 525 S. Park Ave, Warren
11. Advanced Metalforming Lubricants, 520 Pine Ave SW, Warren
12. ArcelorMittal Warren Coke Plant, 2234 Main Ave SW, Warren (primary customer is ArcelorMittal Cleveland furnaces)
13. Connection at Warren to Norfolk Southern and to Youngstown Belt Railroad (Genesee & Wyoming)
14. Hull-BDM Warren Steel site, 999 Pine Ave SE, Warren
15. Shelly & Sands (Mar-Zane) asphalt plant, 1721 Pine Ave SE, Warren
16. Berk Paper Supply, 1554 Thomas Rd SE, Warren
17. Stericycle, 1901 Pine Ave SE, Warren
18. Turret Steel Corp, 1750 Thomas Rd SE, Warren
19. Herman Rossi & Sons Inc paving, 1625 Hunter Ave, Niles
20. RTI International Metals, 1000 Warren Ave, Niles
21. Niles Expanded Metals & Plastics, 310 N Pleasant Ave, Niles
22. BRT Extrusions, 1818 N Main St, Niles
23. Stamtex Metal Stamping/The Metal Products Co., 1818 N Main/112 Erie St, Niles
24. Glunt Industries Inc., 1819 N Main St, Niles
25. Connection at Niles to Youngstown Belt Railroad (Genesee & Wyoming)

Thanks for your prompt consideration of this important matter.

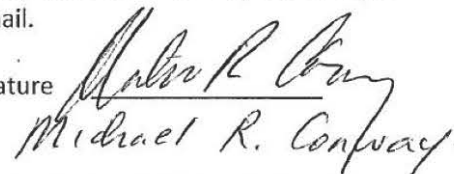
Very Truly,



Michael R. Conway
Executive Director
Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corporation

I certify that I have this day served copies of the document upon the Parties of Record in this proceeding, by U.S. Mail or E-mail.

Signature



Michael R. Conway

Date

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