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Attention Danielle Gosselin
Section of Environmental Analysis
Environmental Filing FD 35116

Re: Cooper Township Municipal Authority

Dear Danielle:

We are contacting you upon the request of the Cooper Township Municipal Authority, and in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the R.J. Corman Railroad Company / Pennsylvania Lines, Inc.

Upon review of the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the R. J. Corman Railroad Company, we have noted that this document does not address the numerous public water and sewer lines owned and operated by the Cooper Township Municipal Authority which cross or run adjacent to the proposed alignments. Many of the water mains in question are old lines which in some cases may be over 100 years old and therefore fragile. Resuming rail service over these lines jeopardizes the integrity of the lines and therefore as a result, potentially endangers the general public.

Further, the public sewage collection system serving the area may have potential conflicts. While this collection system is not as old as the water distribution system, at the time of the installation of these lines, railroad loadings on the at the proposed crossings may not have been a consideration. Each line crossing will therefore need to be considered to determine weather the line installation is capable of withstanding an E-80 loadings.

We would request that the environmental document be amended to consider the potential affects upon the public water and sewer utilities within the

study corridor and discuss the potential resolution to these conflicts. My office is primarily responsible for all engineering matters related to the potable water system owned by the Cooper Township Municipal Authority, and may be contacted for detailed information regarding the water line crossings and other conflicts regarding the potable water system owned and operated by the Cooper Township Municipal Authority.

Wilson Fisher of Hess and Fisher Engineers who's contact information is listed below provides all engineering services to the authority with regard to the public sewage collection and treatment system. Mr. Fisher may be contacted in order to obtain more detailed information regarding the public sewage collection system.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

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Very truly yours:



K. Alan Uhler, Jr., P.E., P.L.S.

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