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Surface Transportation Board  
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Washington, DC 20423

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**Re: Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC  
Abandonment Exemption in Jefferson County and Clarion  
County, Pennsylvania  
STB Docket No. AB976 (Sub No. 2X)**

Dear Acting Secretary:

This is a request from the Allegheny Valley Land Trust for an additional extension of 180 days for the purpose of completing ongoing negotiations with Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC for the acquisition of the line for interim trail use/ rail banking. We have been in continuous negotiations. Draft agreements have been exchanged between the parties with positive progress made with each exchange. More time is needed to consummate the agreement with both parties willing to continue negotiations until an agreement is secured.

The property, known as the Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad line, runs in a southwest direction from milepost 41.95 in Brookville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, to milepost 6.0 at or near Lawsonham, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for Abandonment by Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC in STB Docket No. AB976 (Sub-No. 2X).

A Service Date of July 27, 2007 by the Surface Transportation Board stated a 180 day period to January 24, 2008 for an agreement for interim trail/railbanking. Additional extension were granted to July 22, 2008 and January 18, 2009. Both parties are in an agreement to request a second extension while the draft agreement is being finalized.

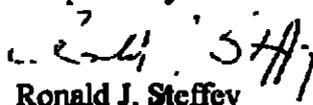
By my signature below, I certify service upon Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC representative Eric M. Hocky, Esquire.

Eric M. Hocky, Esquire  
2005 Market St  
Suite 1910  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 14th day of January 2009.

A check for the filing fee of \$450.00 is included.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald J. Steffey  
on behalf of Allegheny Valley Land Trust

cc Eric Hocky