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Hon. Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

January 15, 2009

Re: Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC -  
Abandonment Exemption - Clarion and Jefferson Counties, PA  
STB Docket No. AB-976 (Sub No. 2X)

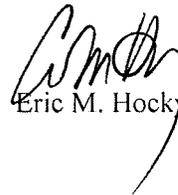
Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the Applicant to respond to the enclosed letter from Allegheny Valley Land Trust sent to the Board on January 14, 2009 (but not yet posted on the Board's website as received), requesting an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use from the current expiration date of January 18, 2009.

Applicant hereby advises the Board that it is agreeable to the request to extend the period to negotiate an interim trail use and rail banking agreement with Allegheny Valley Land Trust, for an additional 180 days.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,



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cc: Allegheny Valley Land Trust (by email)

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January 14, 2009

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Acting Secretary  
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**Re: Pittsburg & 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 Pittsburg & 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 Pittsburg & 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 Pittsburg & 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 Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC representative Eric M. Hocky, Esquire.

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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 Hockey