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Surface Transportation Board  
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**RE: Shannon Transport, Inc.  
Abandonment Exemption in Clarion County  
STB Docket No. AB1004 (X)**

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. Additional items needing addressed has recently arose. 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 Shannon Transport, Inc. line connects the Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC line at milepost 6.0 and extends westward to the end of track milepost 4.0, and the connecting former Sligo Running Track which runs from milepost 0.0 near Lawsonham, Clarion County, Pennsylvania northward to milepost 10.5 at Sligo, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for Abandonment by Shannon Transport, LLC in STB Docket No. AB1004 (Sub-No. X).

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. An extension was granted to July 22, 2008 and an additional extension to January 18, 2009. Both parties are in an agreement to request another extension while the draft agreement is being finalized.

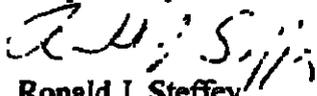
By my signature below, I certify service upon Shannon Transport, Inc representative Eric M. Hocky, Esquire.

Eric M. Hocky, Esquire  
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Suite 1910  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

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

A check for the filing fee of \$450.00 is included. This request is being faxed to STB. A follow up paper copy with the filing fee will be mailed to STB.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald J. Steffey  
on behalf of Allegheny Valley Land Trust

cc: Eric Hocky