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

July 21, 2009

Re: Shannon Transport, Inc. -  
Abandonment Exemption - Clarion County, PA  
STB Docket No. AB-1004(X)

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 July 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 July 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,

  
Eric M. Hocky

cc: Allegheny Valley Land Trust (by email)

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July 14, 2009

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

Dear 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. A sales agreement document is currently being circulated for signature and Allegheny Valley Land Trust is securing the insurance required by the agreement. The extension will allow time for a survey of the corridor to be completed.

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, an additional extension to January 18, 2009, and another to July 17, 2009. Both parties are in an agreement to request another extension.

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

Eric M. Hocky, Esquire  
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by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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

**SCANNED**