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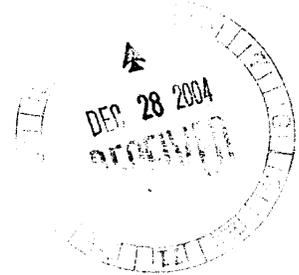
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RE: Finance Docket No. AB-167 (Sub No. 1095X); Consolidated Rail Corporation –  
Abandonment Exemption- Lancaster and Chester Counties, PA

Dear Secretary Williams:

On November 22, 2004, Lancaster County filed a Motion to Remove Historic Preservation Conditions and to Grant Abandonment Authority in the above captioned proceeding. Subsequently, responses have been filed to that motion by Norfolk Southern Railway Company and by Conastoga, Martick, Providence, Bart, Eden, and Sadsbury Townships, as well as Friends of the Atglen-Susquehanna Trail. The Townships and Norfolk Southern's responses have raised several new matters which Lancaster County wishes to address. However, before doing so, it will be necessary to consult with County engineers and other parties in order to provide a comprehensive reply to the new matters presented in these pleadings. Accordingly, Lancaster County respectfully requests that it be accorded a short extension of time in light of the upcoming holidays, so that it may reply to these new matters no later than January 21, 2005.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

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