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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35343,
Susquehanna Union Railroad Company – Acquisition of Control
Exemption – North Shore Railroad Company, Nittany & Bald Eagle
Railroad Company, Shamokin Valley Railroad Company, Juniata
Valley Railroad Company, Lycoming Valley Railroad Company, and
Union County Industrial Railroad Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

On April 12, 2010 Susquehanna Union Railroad Company (“SURC” or “Petitioner”) filed a petition for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 USC 11323 (a)(4) in order to permit SURC to acquire 100% stock control of six Class III railroads presently owned and controlled by Richard Robey and for other relief including preemption and nullification under 49 USC 11321(a) of provisions of the December 13, 2006 Operating Agreement between the SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority (“JRA”) and five of the involved railroads which require prior consent of the JRA to a change in control of its operating carriers. In response to the request of the JRA concurred in by SURC the due date for JRA’s reply to the petition was extended to June 3, 2010.

This letter is to advise that the JRA and the Petitioner continue to be actively engaged in negotiations which may lead to resolution of the relevant issues in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. In the circumstances the parties have agreed that provision for additional time to complete ongoing negotiations is in the best interest of all concerned. In view of the statutory requirement that the Board would need to determine whether to begin an appropriate proceeding in this matter by July 10, 2010 unless the matter is held in abeyance it is respectfully requested that the

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Board hold this matter in abeyance until July 6, 2010 to facilitate the ongoing negotiations. The effect of this request would be to postpone the date for JRA's response to July 6, 2010 and would extend until August 12, 2010 the date by which the Board would have to determine whether to begin a proceeding in this matter. I am authorized to represent that counsel for Petitioner concurs in this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith G. O'Brien", written in a cursive style.

Keith G. O'Brien
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cc: Richard Wilson
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Parties of Record