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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”) 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.

This letter is to advise that the JRA and the Petitioner are actively engaged in negotiations which may lead to constructive resolution of issues involving JRA interests in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. In this regard the JRA is aware that the Surface Transportation Board has frequently stated that it favors negotiated resolution of disputes. In the circumstances it is requested that the Board extend the due date for JRA’s response

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to June 3, 2010 to facilitate ongoing negotiations. I am authorized to represent that counsel for SURC concurs in this request.

Respectfully Submitted,



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