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The Honorable Anne Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc. -- Construction
and Operation Exemption -- Clearfield County, PA -- Finance Docket No. 35116

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

My name is James Long and I am the President of A.W. Long Coal Company in Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania. Our company operates two small coal mines near Phillipsburg, one of which is adjacent to the proposed new alignment of the R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines' new Beech Creek branch line. I suggested this new alignment after learning about the proposal to reactivate the line to Gorton through the environmental review process.

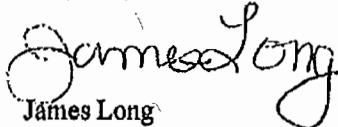
If the branch line is reactivated, our company would probably ship about 10 cars of coal per month on the railroad. Because rail transportation is generally less expensive than truck transportation, the branch line would allow us to expand the geographic market for our coal.

In addition to coal, we own a former water treatment plant. A prospective tenant is planning to locate a water processing facility there to serve a number of operators who will need to reprocess dirty "frac water" generated in the recovery of gas from the Marcellus shale deposits in the area. The prospective tenant expects to ship about 10 cars of water per week inbound and the same outbound.

Our company also operates a waste hauling business. Among our customers is the Borough of Snow Shoe, Pennsylvania. If the landfill proposed by Resources Recovery is opened near Gorton as planned, we would certainly be trucking garbage and trash generated by the citizens of Snow Shoe to the new landfill.

A.W. Long Coal Company enthusiastically supports the reopening of the Beech Creek branch line to Gorton. Thank you for considering my comments.

Very truly yours,


James Long
President