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December 15, 2011

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
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RE: Application of Consolidated Rail Corporation for the abolition of thirty-one crossings of the Enola Branch, LC201323, MP 3.5 to MP 27.0, Sub No. 1095X, Harrisburg Division, Lancaster County  
***Docket No. A-00111016***

Board of Supervisors of Bart Township, v. Consolidated Rail Corporation, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Commissioners of the County of Lancaster, et al.  
***Docket No. C-00913256***

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Please accept for filing this correspondence as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation's ("Department") *Objections to the Specifications for removal of bridge 11.68 over Pumping Station Road, Quarryville, Eden Township, Lancaster County, PA, and the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan* filed with your office by Norfolk Southern Railway Company on or about November 29, 2011. In support of its objection to the plans, the Department provides the following:

1. The Department expresses strong safety concerns with the proposed drainage ditches located under the existing structure and along the state route. The Department has plans to widen this section of roadway at the existing structure. The proposed location, size and depth of the drainage ditches may create potential issues since the ditches would be at the immediate edge of the roadway, and in some cases may limit widening the roadway to the desired width.
2. The cross section as shown in the plan does not indicate the length of the proposed ditches. Without this information, it is unclear if the proposed drainage would have negative future maintenance implications. It is not clear if the proposed drainage ditches will tie into the existing drainage facility. If the new facilities do not tie into the existing drainage facilities there is potential for ponding and/or water flowing over

portions of the state road. This would have negative impacts to the roadway pavement structure as well as potential icing on the roadway during winter months.

3. Drainage calculations - The proposed plans specify drainage ditches. The Department does not have any indication that the size of the proposed drainage structures supports the velocities and volumes required at this location.
4. The Department objects to moving forward with the removal of the structure until the drainage issues identified above are properly resolved.

I hereby certify that a copy of this letter has been sent to all parties of record as indicated on the **Certificate of Service**. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this correspondence.

Very truly yours,



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**BEFORE THE  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing *Objections to the Specifications for removal of bridge 11.68 over Pumping Station Road, Quarryville, Eden Township, Lancaster County, PA, and the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan* upon the participants listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54, by electronic service and first class mail, postage prepaid:

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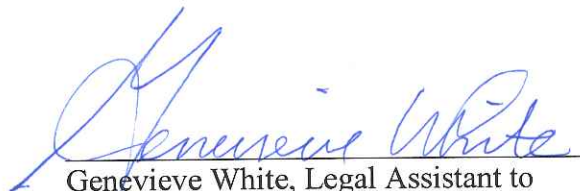
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