

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON RAIL SERVICE. Allegheny Valley Railroad Company ("AVR") gives notice that on or after January 16, 2024, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of approximately 3.6 miles of railroad extending from Railroad Mile Post 0.7 in East Liberty, in the City of Pittsburgh, crossing AVR's Allegheny Branch and the Allegheny River, passing through the Borough of Aspinwall and ending at approximately Railroad Mile Post 3.0, in the City of Pittsburgh; its Brilliant Branch-West Leg Wye beginning at approximately Railroad Mile Post 0.0 on AVR's Allegheny River Bridge in the Borough of Aspinwall and ending at approximately Railroad Mile Post 0.5, in the Township of O'Hara; and a portion of its Allegheny Branch Connection in the City of Pittsburgh beginning at approximately Railroad Mile Post 1.8, being at the connection to the Brilliant Branch, and ending at approximately Railroad Milepost 2.6, being approximately 528 feet westerly of its connection to AVR's Allegheny Branch; and together containing approximately 3.6 route miles of railroad lines (collectively, the "Line"). The Line to be abandoned traverses through ZIP Codes 15206, 15208, and 15215. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB 1233 (Sub-No. 2X). The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Office of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at 202-245-0295. Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicants' representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12 (a)]. AVR currently intends to transfer the Line to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County ("RAAC"), a body corporate and politic created and existing pursuant to the Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law, for use as part of a public recreational trail. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0238. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Fletcher & Sippel LLC, Attention: Thomas J. Healey, 29 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 252-1500.