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Via regular and email to [REDACTED]

Re: ACRE Request for Review-Porter Township – Pike County [REDACTED]

Dear Attorney Willig:

Please be advised that I represent the Porter Township Board of Supervisors. Reference is made to the above referenced matter, and please consider the below information as our response.

On January 21, 2026, Porter Township's (Township) engineer advised Township that a road use agreement and bond should be secured for the subject road use timber hauling project. The pipes with the culverts at issue are in poor condition, and the engineer advised that the cost to replace the pipes with a box culvert would be approximately \$150,000. Based on that information, the Township requested three different bond amounts, with the most recent proposal being \$10,000.

On May 21, 2026, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] sent an email to the Township requesting that it reconsider Penn Dot's road bonding guidelines and those of the PA DNCR for timber harvesting activities. Pursuant to the guidelines, the security amount for logging or a type 3 permit is \$10,000 for each municipality. This is consistent with the proposed road use agreement that [REDACTED] executed with DCNR which contains the same values and which they suggested we follow. Porter Township is in favor of a similar road use agreement which it most recently submitted to [REDACTED] in July 2026 with the \$10,000 bond. In addition to the stream crossing, we need to protect the integrity of the actual road, which has just recently been improved, as well as protection with the placement of the "air bridge" in place. After further consideration by Township, it agreed in July 2026 to the proposed road use agreement with a \$10,000 bond.

Furthermore, Township has since located an ordinance dated November 10, 1986 (please see attached) providing for weight restrictions of vehicles operating upon township roads or bridges and providing for the issuing of special permits for movement of vehicles of weights in excess of maximum weight. Pursuant to the ordinance, the weight limit for logging vehicles would be 6,000 pounds. However, Section 7 of the ordinance provides for permitting vehicles in excess of the weight restrictions and requiring security as the Board of Supervisors deems necessary to

cover the cost of anticipated repairs or restoration necessitated by the permitted movement of vehicles.

Although the trucks in questions that would be performing the timber hauling would greatly exceed this weight limit, the Township is willing to permit the timber hauling to move forward with the road use agreement including a \$10,000 bond which is the amount originally proposed by [REDACTED]

I look forward to your reply.

Very truly yours,

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