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Mr. Ernest E. Hunt
President
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Dear Mr. Hunt:

Thank you for your letter of 6 March, 2015 by which you transmitted the CMRR Business Plan for our information.

As you know, Ulster County is the owner of the railroad easement through New York City lands adjacent to Ashokan Reservoir and, as such, makes all decisions regarding its use consistent with the deed that created it. Since you are well aware that New York City has agreed to work in partnership with the county on a trail only concept for the New York City portion of the railroad easement, I don't feel it is appropriate for us to meet regarding the business plan which explicitly describes a completely different concept than what has been proposed by the county.

I wish you luck pursuing a plan that the county can endorse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul V. Rush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul V. Rush, P.E.
Deputy Commissioner