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Reading and Northern Railroad Records Successful 1st Quarter Results
Company continues to invest in business and hire employees

Port Clinton, Pa., April 10, 2009 — Reading and Northern Railroad announced excellent first quarter results.

Despite the global recession, Reading & Northern announced that it has just completed its second best 1st quarter in its 25 year history. Revenues were 1 percent less than last year's all time best and carloads were down 6 percent from the 2008 record levels. Both levels were higher than the comparable period in 2007.

The railroad handled approximately 4600 carloads in the first quarter, which is traditionally its slowest period. Freight revenues exceeded \$2.9 million.

“Obviously these are excellent results” said Andrew Muller, Jr. owner and CEO. “Even in good economic times we would be pleased with these results. To achieve these results at a time when so many businesses are suffering is a testament to our excellent employees and the quality service we provide to our customers.”

Company President Wayne Michel noted that the railroad is actually hiring more people and making strategic investments for the future. “We have guaranteed all of our employees that their jobs, income and benefits are secure. We have also just completed the purchase of 101 covered hopper freight cars as we plan for our future during these difficult times. We will continue to look for investment

opportunities now as we know that the region and the country will bounce back and we want to be prepared to handle the growth in business when that happens.”

Reading and Northern Railroad, with its corporate headquarters in Port Clinton, is a privately held railroad company serving major businesses in eight counties in Eastern Pennsylvania, including Carbon, Schuylkill, Luzerne, Northumberland, Lehigh, Lackawanna, Berks, and Wyoming counties. It has expanded its operations over the last 25 years and has grown into one of the premier railroads in the state, with both freight services and passenger excursion operations. Reading and Northern and its affiliated operations continue to grow and currently employ over 150 employees.

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