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**Reading and Northern Railroad to Match Employee Stimulus Checks**

**Port Clinton, Pa., May 6, 2008** —Reading and Northern Railroad announced that it is matching all eligible employees' economic stimulus checks up to \$600.

“In this time of economic uncertainty, we are trying to help our employees by matching the stimulus check that they will be receiving from the federal government,” said Andrew M. Muller Jr., CEO of Reading and Northern Railroad. “We understand that the cost of gasoline, heating oil, food and many other necessities is rising rapidly, and we feel that we should do our part by helping to cover these costs and hopefully stimulate the government.

“We hope that this will help defray some of the expenses that the employees are encountering,” Muller continued. “We also hope that this will help give the local and national economy the boost that it desperately needs.”

Muller extended the program to cover the dozen employees of the Reading Jet Center, based at Reading Airport, which he also owns.

In recent years, Reading and Northern has recognized the rising cost of gas prices and the burden that this puts on its employees. In September 2005, and again in May 2007, the company issued \$500 checks to all full-time employees to cover the extra expenses that they were incurring on a daily basis.

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 continues to grow and currently employs 100 dedicated employees.

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