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**Reading & Northern RR Named Regional Railroad of the Year...Again.**

**Port Clinton, PA, March 2, 2015** ---- *Railway Age* magazine has named **Reading & Northern Railroad** its 2015 Regional Railroad of the Year. Reading & Northern is the first railroad to ever win this honor three times having been so honored in 2002 and 2011.

"Adaptability and flexibility have served Reading & Northern well through three decades, as 'The Road of Anthracite' not only adjusts to new markets and traffic flows but anticipates them, indeed seeking out those shifts and changes," says *Railway Age* Editor-in-Chief William C. Vantuono.

"Reading & Northern continues to stand out among its peers," adds *Railway Age* Managing Editor Douglas John Bowen. "It's taken home our *Railway Age* Regional Railroad award three times now for good reason: Not only does it keep going and growing, but it keeps adapting and innovating, in good economic times and bad. Its corporate culture insists on doing better, on not being willing to just settle.

"We also find an attitude, an eagerness, that's uncommon beyond just the rail industry – an eagerness to see a larger picture that rail fits into," Bowen continues. "'Holistic' is an overused word, but Reading & Northern tries to advance its role as service provider not only to secure a profit, but to truly benefit its customers, its employees, and the very region it serves. Lots of companies say that's their goal. R&N continues to show the railroad means it."

Andy Muller, Jr., CEO and owner of the Reading and Northern said, "On behalf of the employees of the Reading & Northern, I want to thank *Railway Age* for recognizing us for our hard work, dedication to our customers and communities and our commitment to remaining true to our entrepreneurial foundations. We all work hard to do the best job we can and it is gratifying to be recognized for our efforts."

Reading & Northern Railroad, with its corporate headquarters in Port Clinton, is a privately held railroad company serving over 50 customers in nine eastern Pennsylvania counties (Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Wyoming). It has expanded its operations over the last 20+ years and has grown into one of the premier railroads in Pennsylvania. Reading and Northern operates both freight services and steam and diesel powered excursion passenger services through its' Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway, owns over 1000 freight cars, and employees over 180 dedicated employees.