

Reading & Northern Railroad to ship coal to Ukraine

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From the Republican Herald newspaper, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, Aug 2, 2017 The Reading & Northern Railroad is participating in the large movement of coal to Ukraine that Trump administration officials announced Monday. According to a statement released by the railroad, Xcoal Energy & Resources made the deal to ship 700,000 tons of coal for energy production to Ukraine by the end of the year. Half of that tonnage will be Pennsylvania anthracite shipped from mines served by Reading & Northern Railroad. Reading Anthracite Co. of Pottsville has handled the acquisition of the 350,000 tons of anthracite. In Ukraine for the announcement, Xcoal President Ernie Thrasher said, "The U.S. coal will replace Russian origin coal at existing thermal power plants." Reading & Northern will supply all coal cars used to handle the anthracite. To build the 100-plus car trains that Norfolk Southern will pick up at Reading Anthracite and deliver to CNX Terminal, Baltimore, Reading & Northern will serve as many as six loading points. "Reading & Northern is delighted to be partnering with Xcoal and Norfolk Southern on this wonderful opportunity," Reading & Northern CEO Andrew Muller Jr. said in the release. "We have long been known as 'The Road of Anthracite' and here is our chance to show the world how good our service is and how good Pennsylvania anthracite is. Our years of investment in coal cars, and our branch line rail system, pays off with our ability to turn on a dime and handle the movement of 30-plus unit trains in five months. Credit goes to the men and women of Reading & Northern for being up to the challenge." [...] <http://republicanherald.com/news/read ... coal-to-ukraine-1.2225406>