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VERIFIED STATEMENT

of

Patrick C. Herlihy

on behalf of the

New Hampshire Department of Transportation



My name is Patrick C. Herlihy. I am the Director of Aeronautics, Rail, and Transit at the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483. I have served in this capacity since June of 2012.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is the state's transportation agency, managing the state's highway, bridge, rail, public transportation, aviation and other transportation systems and programs.

On August 31, 2016 Genesee & Wyoming Inc. ("G&W") filed with the Surface Transportation Board a Petition for Exemption to acquire control of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company ("P&W"), a Class III railroad.

In New Hampshire, I have worked directly with two G&W-owned short line railroads: the New England Central Railroad and the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad. My experiences working with G&W-owned railroads have been very positive. These railroads are managed for long-term success and support for New Hampshire customers and communities that depend on their freight service.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. has a very strong record of acquiring short lines throughout the United States, investing in the properties and growing businesses. In my experience, G&W-owned short lines provide safe, reliable rail freight service that helps support jobs in our state.

For these reasons, I fully support the G&W petition and control of P&W, and ask for expedited review and approval of it by the Surface Transportation Board.

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I, Patrick C. Herlihy, declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States, that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Herlihy', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patrick C. Herlihy

Director of Aeronautics, Rail and Transit

New Hampshire Department of Transportation

September 23, 2016

cc: All parties of record