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RE: Finance Docket No. FD 35873, *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Acquisition and Operation – Certain Rail Lines of The Delaware and Hudson Railway*

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Northeast Freight Transfer PA, Inc. submits this letter in strong support of the application filed by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) to acquire and operate certain rail lines of The Delaware and Hudson Railway (“D&H”).

Northeast Freight Transfer is an intermodal terminal operations company that depends on reliable and sustainable service over Norfolk Southern’s routes over the D&H South Lines. Our company provides service operations for freight that is shipped to the Northeast Pennsylvania area via Norfolk Southern over the D&H.

Northeast Freight Transfer supports the proposed acquisition because it:

- Substitutes a stronger NS for a disinterested D&H, which should ensure the continued viability of the D&H South Lines
- Aligns ownership with usage, which creates operating efficiencies that should improve the reliability and sustainability of service on the lines.
- Results in minimal disruption of service, since NS already operates daily over the lines
- Produces no competitive harms, as it is essentially an end-to-end transaction
- Enhances overall competition in the Northeast surface transportation market

For the above reasons, Northeast Freight Transfer strongly supports the application of NS before the STB to acquire and operate certain rail lines of D&H. We respectfully request your expedited review and approval of this minor transaction.

Sincerely,



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RE: Certificate of Service

STB Financial Docket #35873

Northeast Freight Transfer has served the required copy of our letter to all parties referenced on the service list as of today, December 23, 2014.

