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VERIFIED STATEMENT

of

**Richard J. Spallone**

on behalf of the

**Greater Boston Transload, LLC**

My name is **Richard J. Spallone**. I am the **President** of **Greater Boston Transload, LLC(GBT), 1700 Iron Horse Park, N. Billerica, MA 01862**. I have served in this capacity since **February** of **2014**.

**GBT is a transload operator with a variety of customers. We handle different bulk commodities out of 2 reload facilities in MA. The NECR satisfactorily serves one of the two locations presently. GBT serves customers from Maine to Florida and the upper Midwest. We are a young energetic company and have enjoyed year over year growth results coupled with increased operating margins.**

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

My experiences working with G&W-owned railroads have been very positive. G&W-owned railroads provide freight service to many areas of **Massachusetts** that otherwise would have no access to the national rail network without short line service. Genesee & Wyoming Inc. has a very strong record of acquiring short lines throughout the United States, investing in the properties, and growing business. In my experience, G&W-owned short lines provide safe, reliable rail freight service that helps support jobs in our state.

I understand that G&W will continue to operate P&W as a separate railroad. However, I am sure the overall corporate focus, professionalism and the commitment to safety and service will definitely be beneficial for the P&W.

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

I, **Richard J. Spallone**, 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.



**Richard J. Spallone, President, GBT**

**October 4, 2016**

cc: All parties of record