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Re: **Genesee & Wyoming, Inc. - Control - RailAmerica, et al., STB Finance Docket No. 35654**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding are additional letters of support that Genesee & Wyoming has received in favor of the above Railroad Control Application.

Sincerely,



David H. Coburn
Counsel for Genesee & Wyoming Inc.

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

Additional Letters of Support

- America West Resources, Inc.
- Domtar Industries
- Glatfelter
- Steve Gilbert, Executive Director, Paris Texas Economic Development Corporation
- Midwest Generation, LLC
- Todd Portune, Hamilton County, Ohio Commissioner, & President of the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments
- Representative Dale Mallory, 32nd Ohio House District
- Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.



AMERICA WEST
RESOURCES

VERIFIED STATEMENT
of
Dan R. Baker
on behalf of
America West Resources, Inc.

My name is Dan R. Baker, and I am the Chief Executive Officer at America West Resources, Inc., located at 3266 South 125 West, Price, Utah 84501. I have served in this capacity since January of 2008. Wildcat Loadout is in the business of processing and transloading coal onto unit trains. Facility has the capacity to loadout unit trains at a rate of 5,200 tons-per-hour.

Presently rail service is provided to Wildcat Loadout by Utah Railway. The availability of safe, efficient and competitive rail service is important to America West Resources, Inc.

America West Resources, Inc. supports the acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc. ("RA"), by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. ("G&W"), parent company of Utah Railway. Both G&W and RailAmerica operate independent short line rail networks and, combined, there is no overlap of service; therefore, we have no competitive concerns as the merger creates no 2-to-1 scenarios. Additionally, the short line combination offers customers the ability to connect to multiple Class 1 railroads, creating an additional level of competition through competitive routing options. And the short-haul nature of short lines makes trucking a constant competitor.

Short line and regional freight railroads are a critical component of our organization's supply chain, and G&W's 100-year history of being a dedicated, long-term owner/operator provides our company and our customers with a high level of assurance that we have a long-term rail partner. G&W's financial strength and long-term view allow them to properly invest in rail infrastructure – as well as making investments to support customer growth projects.

G&W's commitment to safety and customer service are core values, and they are clearly demonstrated by industry-leading safety performance and customer satisfaction scores that outperform both the trucking industry and the rail industry as a whole as noted by their latest J.D. Power & Associates survey. G&W's decentralized operating philosophy allows decision making to be made at the local level, which allows the local G&W companies to respond to customer needs.

Given the aforementioned benefits, I encourage favorable consideration for the RA/G&W transaction and the enhanced transportation options and services it will bring.

I, Dan R. Baker, 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.

Dan R. Baker
Chief Executive Officer
America West Resources, Inc.
August 22, 2012

VERIFIED STATEMENT
of
Matt Corley
on behalf of
Domtar Industries, Ashdown, AR

My name is Matt Corley, and I am the Delivery Planning Team Leader at the Domtar Ashdown Mill, located at 285 Hwy 71 S., Ashdown, AR. I have served in this capacity since December of 2005. We are the largest pulp and paper mill in North America producing a combined tonnage of approximately 2900 tpd.

Presently rail service is provided to the Domtar Ashdown Mill by both the Kiamichi RR and the KCS. The availability of safe, efficient and competitive rail service is important to Domtar.

I support the acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc. ("RA"), by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. ("G&W"), parent company of Kiamichi Railroad since both G&W and RailAmerica operate independent short line rail networks and, combined, there is no overlap of service; therefore, we have no competitive concerns as the merger creates no 2-to-1 scenarios. Additionally, the short line combination offers customers the ability to connect to multiple Class 1 railroads, creating an additional level of competition through competitive routing options. And the short-haul nature of short lines makes trucking a constant competitor.

Short line and regional freight railroads are a critical component of our organization's supply chain, and G&W's 100-year history of being a dedicated, long-term owner/operator provides our company and our customers with a high level of assurance that we have a long-term rail partner. G&W's financial strength and long-term view allow them to properly invest in rail infrastructure – as well as making investments to support customer growth projects.

G&W's commitment to safety and customer service are core values, and they are clearly demonstrated by industry-leading safety performance and customer satisfaction scores that outperform both the trucking industry and the rail industry as a whole as noted by their latest J.D. Power & Associates survey. G&W's decentralized operating philosophy allows decision making to be made at the local level, which allows the local G&W companies to respond to customer needs.

Given the aforementioned benefits, I encourage favorable consideration for the RA/G&W transaction and the enhanced transportation options and services it will bring.

I, Matt Corley, 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.



Matt Corley

Delivery Planning Team Leader

August 1, 2012



G L A T F E L T E R
Beyond Paper

August 9, 2012

To Whom it May Concern:

I am the Division Vice President, Engineered and Converting Products at the Glatfelter paper facility, located at 228 South Main Street in Spring Grove, PA. Glatfelter is a global manufacturer of Specialty Papers and Engineered Products headquartered in York, Pennsylvania.

Presently rail service is provided for our Spring Grove, Pennsylvania facility by York Railway Corporation. The availability of safe, efficient and competitive rail service is important to Glatfelter.

We support the acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc. ("RA"), by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. ("G&W"). Both G&W and RailAmerica operate independent short line rail networks and, combined, there is no overlap of service. Short lines help ensure competition amongst Class 1 railroads by creating competitive routing options. The short line railroads themselves must stay competitive with dedicated and commercial trucking operations.

Short line and regional freight railroads are a critical component of our organization's supply chain, and G&W's 100-year history of being a dedicated, long-term owner/operator provides our company and our customers with a high level of assurance that we have a long-term rail partner.

Given the aforementioned benefits, I encourage favorable consideration for the RA/G&W transaction and the enhanced transportation options and services it will bring.

Sincerely,

Timothy R. Hess
Division Vice President, Engineered & Converting Products



VERIFIED STATEMENT
Of Steve Gilbert
On behalf of Paris Economic Development Corporation

My name is Steve Gilbert. I am the Executive Director of the Paris Economic Development Corporation (Paris EDC), located at 1125 Bonham St., Paris, TX 75460. I have served in this capacity since January of 2010.

The purpose of the Paris EDC is to promote, stimulate and enhance economic development in Paris and Lamar County, Texas.

The Paris EDC supports the acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc. (RA), by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (G&W). Presently rail service is used by many of our local industries. The availability of safe, efficient and competitive rail service is critically important to our local economy; and we anticipate that the broader reach of the G&W and RA railroads will increase the likelihood for prospective industrial and manufacturing development opportunities locating in our community.

Both G&W and RA operate independent short line rail networks and, combined, there is no overlap of service; therefore, we have no competitive concerns. Additionally, the short line combination offers customers the ability to connect to multiple Class I railroads, creating an additional level of competition through competitive routing options.

We are encouraged by G&W's commitment to safety and customer service as their core values. These values are clearly demonstrated by industry-leading safety performance and customer satisfaction scores that outperform both the trucking industry and the rail industry as a whole. G&W's decentralized operating philosophy allows decision making to be made at the local level, which allows the local G&W operating entities to respond to customer needs, and to partner closely with the Paris EDC and our existing and new industry partners.

Given these benefits, I encourage favorable consideration for the RA/G&W transaction and the enhanced transportation options and services it will bring to our service area.

I, Steve Gilbert, 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.

Best Regards,

Steve Gilbert,
Paris Economic Development, Executive Director
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VERIFIED STATEMENT
of
Larry W. Siler
on behalf of
Midwest Generation, LLC

My name is Larry W. Siler, and I am the Director – Fuel Transportation for Midwest Generation, LLC (“MWG”) located at 235 Remington Boulevard, Suite A, Bolingbrook, Illinois 60440. I have been responsible for coordination of fuel transportation activities for MWG since December of 1999.

MWG, a subsidiary of Edison Mission Energy (“EME”), operates six electric power generating plants in Illinois and supervises operation of EME Homer City Generation plant in Pennsylvania. The MWG and Homer City plants are coal-fired merchant plants, producing power that is not committed to be sold under long-term contracts. Most of the output of these plants is sold into the PJM Interconnection, LLC, commonly referred to as the PJM marketplace (Pennsylvania-Jersey-Maryland), a 13-state region which extends from the Atlantic coast to Illinois. Rail transportation services, including delivery of coal, are provided to MWG’s Powerton Generation plant near Pekin, Illinois by the Illinois & Midland Railroad, Inc. (“I&M”) and to the Homer City Generation plant by the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. (“B&P”). The availability of safe, efficient and competitive rail service is important to MWG.

MWG supports the acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc. (“RA”), by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (“G&W”), parent company of I&M and B&P. G&W’s 100-year history of being a dedicated, long-term owner/operator provides our company with a high level of assurance that we have a long-term rail partner. Based upon MWG’s experience with I&M and B&P, G&W’s financial strength and long-term view allow it to properly invest in rail infrastructure and make investments to support its customer growth projects. Further, G&W’s decentralized operating philosophy allows decision making to be made at the local level, which allows the local G&W companies to respond to its customer needs. Additionally, MWG commends G&W’s commitment to safety as a core value as is demonstrated by industry-leading safety performance.

Given the aforementioned benefits and on behalf of MWG, I encourage favorable consideration for the RA/G&W transaction and the enhanced transportation options and services it will bring.

I, Larry W. Siler, 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.

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Larry W. Siler
Midwest Generation, LLC
Director – Fuel Transportation
August 6, 2012



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IN SUPPORT OF THE ACQUISITION OF RAILAMERICA BY GWI

Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423

As a Commissioner of Hamilton County, the incoming President of the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and the Chair of the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District, I urge swift approval of the acquisition of RailAmerica by Genesee and Wyoming Inc. (GWI).

We in the OKI region understand the significance of the short line railroads to both national and international commerce for our farmers and manufacturers. This acquisition will double the miles of trackage which will lead to increased efficiency and capacity in serving the customers of both RailAmerica and GWI.

Sincerely,

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Todd Portune
Hamilton County Commissioner



Dale Mallory
State Representative, 32nd House District

Committees: Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security – Ranking Member, Local Government, Ohio Legislative Black Caucus – 2nd Vice President, Ohio Athletic Commission, Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation Board of Trustees

Monday, August 6, 2012

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

To Whom It May Concern,

I write in support of GWI's acquisition of RailAmerica. As the ranking member of the Ohio House of Representatives' Committee on Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security I believe that short line railroads are vital competitors to trucks in the transportation of goods throughout Ohio and contribute to a vibrant market. These railroads are key in the easy conveyance of goods from location to location and hence crucial to the economy of Ohio.

GWI has an outstanding safety record, and provides safe, efficient and cost effective service to its clients. For the heretofore stated reasons I support the acquisition of RailAmerica by GWI.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Mallory".

Dale Mallory
State Representative, 32nd District

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July 30, 2012

David Anzur
Director of Marketing & Sales
Portland & Western Railroad
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Dear Mr. Anzur:

My name is Matthew Parker and I am the Pacific Northwest Regional Director for Schnitzer Steel, Metals Recycling Division. My company is headquartered in Portland, Oregon and has locations in 14 states, Puerto Rico and Western Canada. Schnitzer Steel is comprised of three lines of business: metals recycling used auto parts and a steel mill operation.

Presently rail service is provided by Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. ("P&W"), a Genesee & Wyoming Inc. subsidiary, to our company in our Oregon operations.

Short line, regional, and national freight railroads are a critical component of our organization's supply chain and G&W's 100-year history of being a dedicated, long-term owner/operator provides our company and our customers with a high level of assurance that we have a long-term rail partner.

G&W's commitment to safety and customer service are core values, and they are clearly demonstrated by industry-leading safety performance and customer satisfaction scores as noted by their latest J.D. Power & Associates survey. G&W's decentralized operating philosophy allows decision making to be made at the local level, which allows the local G&W companies to respond to customer needs. G & W, through its subsidiary P&W, has given us excellent service and we anticipate that service will continue in the merged company.

Given the aforementioned benefits, I encourage favorable consideration for the RA/G&W transaction and the enhanced transportation options and services it will bring.

Regards,

Matthew Parker
Regional Director
Schnitzer Steel