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VERIFIED STATEMENT  
of

**Mark A. Marasco**  
on behalf of

**MAPLELEAF DISTRIBUTION SERVICES, INC.**

My name is Mark A. Marasco and I am the President of Mapleleaf Distribution Services, Inc. located at 14 Third Street in Palmer MA 01069. I have served in this capacity since June of 1986. Mapleleaf provides distribution services to shippers who want to use a combination of modes (rail, truck, intermodal) to optimize their supply chain and lower their freight costs. We provide warehousing and trucking services in coordination with the New England Central Railroad (NECR), which is owned by Genesee & Wyoming Inc., for shippers & receivers throughout North America, giving them competitive access to rail for long-distance movement of goods combined with local truck service for the first or last miles of a freight movement.

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 MA.

My experiences working with G&W-owned railroads have been very positive. G&W-owned railroads provide freight service to many areas of our region 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 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, Mark A. Marasco, 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.

Mark A. Marasco, President  
Mapleleaf Distribution Services, Inc.  
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cc: All parties of record