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VERIFIED STATEMENT  
of  
**William J. Rankin**  
on behalf of  
**BALDWIN LOGISTICS GROUP, INC.**

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Public Record

My name is William J. Rankin, and I am the President of Baldwin Logistics Group, Inc., located at 14 Third Street, Palmer MA. I have served in this capacity since 1998. Baldwin Logistics is a rail to truck Distribution Company with 3 locations in the Northeast Region serving the food, beverage, paper and metals industry.

Presently rail service is provided to our Maple Leaf Distribution facility in Palmer MA by the New England Central Railroad which is owned and operated by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. The availability of safe, efficient and competitive rail service is important to present and future growth and viability of Maple Leaf Distribution which has been in business for 30+ years & handles on average 2,500 rail cars per year.

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, William J. Rankin, 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.

William J. Rankin, President  
Baldwin Logistics Group, Inc.  
9/30/2016

cc: All parties of record