



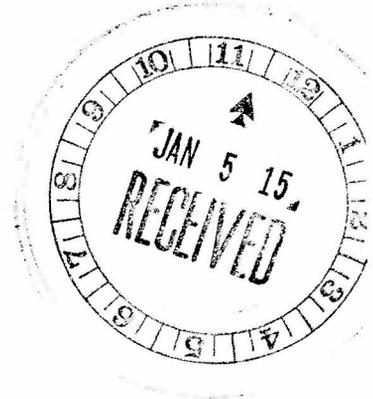
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Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: *Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Acquisition and Operation—Certain
Rail Lines of the Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc.
STB Finance Docket No. 35873*

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation (“NHDOT”), I am writing to express support for the application filed on November 17, 2014 by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) to acquire and operate certain rail lines of the Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc. (“D&H”). NHDOT oversees freight rail transportation and is responsible for the development and support of an efficient and competitive multimodal transportation network in the State of New Hampshire. NHDOT believes that the NS acquisition of the D&H lines will result in improved transportation options for New Hampshire rail users.

NHDOT also recognizes the willingness and ability of NS to invest in the necessary infrastructure to support its service, as evidenced by the significant NS investment in the Patriot Corridor. The Patriot Corridor investment has resulted in improved freight rail efficiencies for New Hampshire shippers, and NHDOT expects that similar results will flow from the acquisition and improvement of the acquired D&H lines by NS.

Accordingly, NHDOT respectfully requests that this minor transaction be approved as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

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Acting Commissioner

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