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RE: GENESEE & WYOMING INC. - ACQUISITION OF CONTROL EXEMPTION -
PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER RAILROAD COMPANY DOCKET NUMBER 36064

Dear Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairwoman Miller, and Member Begeman:

I am writing to you to express my conditional support regarding the proposed acquisition of control of the Providence and Worcester Railroad (PWX) by Genesee and Wyoming, Inc (GWR).

As a lifelong resident of Central Massachusetts it is easy to see the economic benefit that expansion of our rail network brings and I would expect that the acquisition of PWX by an entity with the resources of GWR would only aid that expansion.

However, a recent private project that I also wrote in support of is the proposed restoration of passenger service between my district of Worcester, MA and Providence, RI.

The Boston Surface Railroad Company (BSRC), using only private funds, had partnered with PWX to provide this service. While the project was only in the middle stages of completion the investment of non-government money into any infrastructure, but especially passenger rail is something I consider critical to the economic growth and long term viability of our country.

To that end I would respectfully request that the Board grant the above petition contingent upon GWR continuing the passenger rail project with BSRC.

Sincerely

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State Representative
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CC: Parties of Record via E-Mail