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VERIFIED STATEMENT
of
Matt Danner
on behalf of the
Stella-Jones Corporation

My name is **Matt Danner**. I am the **Transportation Manager** of the **Stella-Jones Corporation, 603 Stanwix Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222**. I have served in this capacity since **February of 2011**.

Stella-Jones is a leading North American manufacturer of pressure treated wood products. The Company's core product categories, railway ties and utility poles, provide basic elements of the economy's physical infrastructure and supplies over a quarter of the continent's total demand.

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 Massachusetts.

My experiences working with G&W-owned railroads have been very positive. G&W-owned railroads provide freight service to many areas of PA 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 freight service that helps support jobs in our state.

I understand that G&W will continue to operate P&W operate 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, **Matt Danner**, 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 Danner, Transportation Manager, Stella-Jones

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cc: All parties of record