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VERIFIED STATEMENT  
of

**John T. Pearson**  
on behalf of the  
**Saltine Warrior, Inc.**

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October 13, 2016  
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Public Record

My name is John T. Pearson. I am the President of the Saltine Warrior, Inc, 1 Shaw Street, P.O. Box 101, Fall River, Massachusetts 02724. I have served in this capacity since September of 2015.

Saltine Warrior, Inc. is engaged in the business of supplying highway road salt to municipal and commercial customers located in Rhode Island and two regions of Massachusetts.

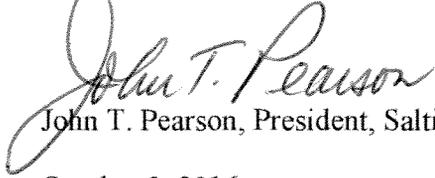
On August 31, 2016 Genesee & Wyoming Inc. ("G&W") filed with the Surface Transportation Board a Petition for Exemption to acquire control of Providence and Worcester Railroad Company ("P&W"), a Class III railroad operating in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

My experiences working with G&W-owned railroads have been very positive. G&W-owned railroads provide freight service to many areas of Massachusetts 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 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, John T. Pearson, 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John T. Pearson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John T. Pearson, President, Saltine Warrior, Inc.

October 3, 2016

cc: All parties of record