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*Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Acquisition and Operation – Certain Rail
Lines of The Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc.
STB Docket No. F.D. 35873*

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company (“P&W”) in support of the application filed November 17, 2014 by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) to acquire and operate certain rail lines of The Delaware and Hudson Railway (“D&H”).

P&W operates over a rail system comprised of 516 miles of track in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island and interchanges freight traffic with a number of short line, regional, and Class 1 partners including freight traffic with Pan Am Southern, LLC (a joint venture of Pan Am Railways, Inc. and NS) at Gardner, MA. P&W supports NS’s acquisition and operation of certain D&H rail lines as the proposed transaction will enhance competition in the Northeast market, improve system reliability, add capacity to handle increasing freight rail service demands, and build upon NS’s previous infrastructure investments to the Patriot Corridor between Albany, NY and the greater Boston, MA area. The proposed transaction will give rise to a more efficient regional freight rail system and will support the region’s overall economic health and well-being through improved access to freight rail alternatives.

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For the above reasons, P&W supports the application of NS before the Surface Transportation Board to acquire and operate certain rail lines of D&H. We respectfully request your expedited review and approval of this minor transaction.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Scott Conti".

P. Scott Conti
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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