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VERIFIED STATEMENT

of

Mark A. Marasco

on behalf of

T-BRANCH, LLC

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My name is Mark A. Marasco and I am a member of T-Branch, LLC, located at 14 Third Street in Palmer MA. I have served in this capacity since March of 2008. T-Branch owns a warehouse facility located at 9 Second Street in Palmer MA which is leased to two rail distribution operators. One tenant transloads lumber from railcars to trucks for distribution throughout the northeast US. The other tenant uses the warehouse facility for storing and distributing raw materials for manufacturers in our region.

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 MA.

My experiences working with G&W-owned railroads to attract new businesses to this region have been very positive. G&W-owned railroads provide freight service to many areas of our region 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 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, Mark A. Marasco, 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.



Mark A. Marasco, Member
T-Branch, LLC
9/30/2016

cc: All parties of record