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Re: Finance Docket No. 35873
Norfolk Southern Railway Co. – Acquisition and Operation – Certain Rail Lines of
Delaware & Hudson Railway Company, Inc.

Dear Board Members:

Western New York & Pennsylvania RR, LLC (“WNYP”) submits this letter in support of an application by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) to acquire and operate certain rail lines owned by Delaware & Hudson Railway Company (“D&H”).

WNYP is a Class III carrier interchanging traffic with NS at two New York State points and two locations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Our primary interchange for traffic originating in, or destined to, New England and Quebec is Hornell, NY on the NS Southern Tier line. Our interchange traffic moves via Binghamton and the D&H. We have concerns about the long-range future of the route under current ownership. We feel it will be more secure if it is in NS hands.

Since NS is already the primary user, the acquisition should not result in service disruptions or other problems. NS is bound to achieve operating efficiencies that improve sustainability, our main concern.

This minor end-to-end transaction is in the public interest. We urge its approval.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. H. Blabey II'.

Eugene H. Blabey II
Chairman/CEO