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VERIFIED STATEMENT
of
James P. Redeker
on behalf of the
Connecticut Department of Transportation

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My name is James P. Redeker. I am the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT, 06131. I have served in this capacity since August of 2011.

With about 3,000 employees, the Connecticut DOT oversees the state's system of highways, bridges, trains, buses, ferries, and bicycle and pedestrian amenities. Its stated mission is to "provide a safe and efficient intermodal transportation network that improves the quality of life and promotes economic vitality for the State and the region."

On August 15, 2016 Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (G&W) announced an agreement to acquire the Providence & Worcester Railroad Company (P&W). In connection with the proposed acquisition, on August 31, 2016 G&W filed a Petition for Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board to acquire control of P&W.

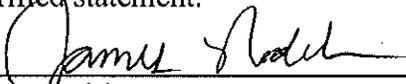
The P&W currently connects with two G&W-subsidary railroads, the New England Central Railroad and the Connecticut Southern Railroad, on an end-to-end basis. However, there are also multiple other railroad connections. Further, no customers will lose access to any carriers, and there are no 2-to-1 customers.

The proposed acquisition will allow G&W to bring to the P&W its demonstrated focus on safety and customer service. This in turn will expand the opportunities for the P&W to better serve the communities and customers located in Connecticut.

Additionally, G&W has a strong history of buying other short line railroads, investing in them, and developing long-term growth opportunities. This in turn helps maintain and grow industrial sector jobs in our communities.

For these reasons, I fully support the G&W acquisition of P&W, and ask for prompt approval of the Surface Transportation Board so that the acquisition can be consummated without needless delay and uncertainty for customers and other interested stakeholders.

I, James Redeker, 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.



James Redeker
Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Transportation

9/29/16

Date

cc: All parties of record