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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief  
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Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
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RE: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Acquisition and Operation – Certain Rail  
Lines of The Delaware and Hudson Railway  
STB Docket No. FD 35873

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Milford-Bennington Railroad Co., Inc. ("MBRX") to express our strong support of the application filed on November 17, 2014 by Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS") to acquire and operate certain rail lines of The Delaware and Hudson Railway ("D&H").

The MBRX supports the proposed acquisition because Norfolk Southern is a highly regarded Class I railroad with a history of strong reinvestment practices, which ensures the continued viability of the D&H South Lines. Currently, NS is the primary user of the D&H South Lines with daily operations over these lines, so the proposed acquisition results in minimal disruption of service and better aligns ownership with usage, creating operating efficiencies that should improve the reliability and sustainability of service. In addition, the proposed acquisition enhances overall competition in the Northeast/New England surface transportation market as it enables NS and D&H to more effectively compete with rail and non-rail transportation modes by strengthening their respective rail systems in the region. As there are no competitive harms that would arise from this acquisition, our railroad fully supports this proposal.

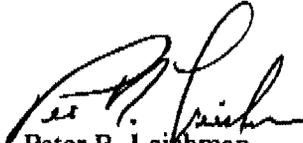
For the above reasons, we strongly support the application of NS before the STB to acquire and operate certain rail lines of D&H. We respectfully request your expedited review and approval of this minor transaction.

Sincerely,  
  
Peter R. Leishman  
President

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this date a copy of the foregoing document was served by fax and US first class mail, postage pre-paid on counsel for the Norfolk Southern Railway Company:

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Dated: November 24, 2014