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VERIFIED STATEMENT Of

Transportation Commission Chairman Dick Hall
On behalf of the
Mississippi Transportation Commission
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My name is Dick Hall. I am the Chairman of the Mississippi Transportation Commission, located at 401 North West Street; Jackson, Mississippi. I have served in this capacity since August of 1999.

The state of Mississippi vests oversight of its transportation resources and operations in a three-member elected commission representing three geographic areas in the state—Northern, Central and Southern districts. In accordance with state law, the commissioners have the authority and responsibility for the supervision of all modes of transportation in the state dealing with aeronautics, highways, public transit, ports and rail safety.

While Rail America has a very limited presence in Mississippi, this acquisition will allow the users of rail transportation in the Columbus-Lowndes County area significant improvement in rail transportation services to and from our area and direct access to the Port of Mobile, AL.

On behalf of the Mississippi Transportation Commission, I encourage favorable consideration for the RA/G&W transaction and the enhanced transportation options and services that it will bring.

I, Dick Hall, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick Hall", is written over a faint, circular embossed seal.

Dick Hall, chairman
Mississippi Transportation Commission
July 24, 2012