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VERIFIED STATEMENT
of
John Rymes
on behalf of the
Rymes Heating Oil & Propane

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My name is **John Rymes**. I am the **Vice President** of Rymes Heating Oil & Propane, 257 Sheep Davis Road Concord, NH 03301. I have served in this capacity since 2000.

We are a family owned company that offers a variety of home heating fuels, including oil, propane, kerosene, and diesel, to residents and commercial businesses in New Hampshire, Eastern Vermont, South Western Maine, and parts of Massachusetts-including Martha's Vineyard and select north-central towns. The majority of our propane is brought in by railcars.

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 **Rhode Island and Massachusetts**.

My experiences working with G&W-owned railroads have been very positive. G&W-owned railroads provide freight service to many areas of **New Hampshire and Vermont** 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 freight service that helps support jobs in our state.

I understand that G&W will continue to operate P&W operate 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.

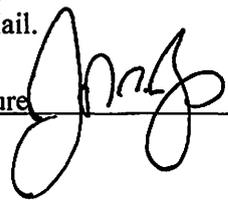
I, **John Rymes**, declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States, that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement.

John Rymes

Vice President of Rymes Heating Oil and Propane

10/03/2016

I certify that I have this day served copies of document upon all parties of record in this proceeding, by U.S. Mail.

Signature  Date 10-4-2016