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Re: Central Maine & Quebec Railway US Inc. - Exemption for Acquisition and Operation of Rail Lines Montreal Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. Finance Docket No. 35805

Fortress Investment Group LLC - Continuance in Control Exemption Florida East Coast Railway, LLC and Central Maine & Quebec Railway US Inc. Finance Docket No. 35806

Dear Ms. Brown:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Vermont Rail System, and its affiliated railroad companies to express our support for the proposed acquisition of the rail lines of the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. ("MMA") by Central Maine & Quebec Railway US Inc. ("CMQR"), and the related control by Fortress Investment Group, LLC. Please file this letter in each of the above-referenced proceedings.

Washington County Railroad Company ("WACR"), one of our affiliated companies of the Vermont Rail System was an Approved Bidder in the MMA bankruptcy proceeding, bidding for the acquisition of the Newport Subdivision of the MMA lines. WACR bid on this portion of the MMA line in order to protect and preserve its ability to effect an interchange with CP and CN for the WACR which currently interchanges with the MMA in Newport Vermont. Maintaining competitive rail traffic through this corridor is critical to the economy of northeastern Vermont and the viability of continued rail service in this corridor by the WACR. As noted by CMQR in its filings, CMQR was the only bidder in the bankruptcy proceeding for all of the MMA lines in Maine and Vermont (i.e., all of the MMA lines in the United States), and for the entire system including the lines in Canada.

We concur with the Trustee and the state of Maine that the acquisition of the entire MMA system by CMQR represents the best chance of success for the new railroad and for maintaining competitive rail service for shippers throughout the states of Maine and Vermont.

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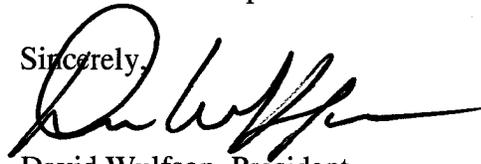
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We also support the waiver requested by CMQR to shorten the period for notice to labor so as to allow the exemptions to become effective 30 days from filing. Further delay is not warranted and could result in a gap in service that could seriously affect the WACR and its ability to serve its customers on the connecting line. We would also like to echo the state of Maine's concern regarding the possibility that MMA may not be able to operate in Canada beyond April 1, 2014, but also by the prospect that the Trustee appears to lack the financial resources to continue operations in the United States beyond that date in any regard. A cessation or interruption of service will create serious problems for our customers, the connecting railroads and the State of Vermont, all of whom all rely on and benefit from this rail service. Granting the waiver petition of the CMQR also benefits the employees of MMA who are intended to be protected by the notice.

In conclusion all the companies of the Vermont Rail System strongly supports the above referenced petitions and respectfully requests that the Board grant CMQR's petition for waiver and to allow the exemptions to take effect as promptly as permitted under the Board's regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Wulfson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Wulfson, President

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cc: See attached Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing letter of support to be served by first class mail, postage prepaid, this 18th day of March, 2014, on:

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