



Benton Walker
VP of Rail Relations

ENTERED
Office of Proceedings
March 24, 2021
Part of
Public Record

March 24, 2021

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: Docket No. FD 36472, *CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc.-Control and Merger-Pan Am Systems, Inc., et al.*

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to support the application by CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc. (collectively "CSX") filed with the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") on February 25, 2021 seeking authority to acquire Pan Am Systems, Inc. and its railroad subsidiaries, including its operating subsidiary, the Springfield Terminal Railroad Company ("Springfield Terminal").

J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc. ("J.B. Hunt") is a key Intermodal / Trucking services provider in North America. As a major carrier to/from Boston and the New England market, we rely on Norfolk Southern's direct Intermodal rail services to/from Ayer. The Norfolk Southern ("NS") services allow us to offer New England shippers competitive, economical options for their shipping needs throughout the country.

According to the application submitted by CSX, the proposed transaction will preserve critical access for NS to the New England market. The agreement reached between CSX and NS will preserve competitive rail options and will increase fluidity of rail operations in New England. Having these competitive options is a key benefit of this transaction. Importantly for J.B. Hunt, the proposed transaction will expand intermodal rail transportation in New England by facilitating a clear double-stacked route on NS and on CSX.

We support this proposed acquisition and believe our business, along with our customers, will benefit from its adoption. We respectfully ask the Board to give CSX's request its full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Benton Walker

Benton Walker, VP of Rail Relations

Cc: Service List