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

Docket No. FD 36472 (Sub-No. 5)
Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC d/b/a Berkshire & Eastern
Railroad -- Operation of Property of Another Rail Carrier --
Pan Am Southern LLC and Springfield Terminal Railway Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pioneer Valley Railroad Company, Inc. ("PVRR") hereby expresses its support for the transactions in these proceedings, in which CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") proposes to acquire the Pan Am Railways, Inc. ("Pan Am") rail system, including Pan Am's ownership interest in Pan Am Southern LLC ("PAS"), and Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC d/b/a Berkshire & Eastern Railroad ("B&E"), a subsidiary of Genesee & Wyoming Inc., proposes to assume operation of PAS. PVRR is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pinsky Railroad Company and a Class III rail carrier which owns and operates approximately 31 miles of track serving customers between Westfield and Holyoke, Massachusetts.

PVRR has engaged in discussions with the parties, including Norfolk Southern Railway Company, regarding matters of interest to PVRR related to the proposed transactions. PVRR believes that the transactions will sustain and improve rail transportation in New England, and specifically will facilitate and promote the availability of competitive rail service on the lines of PAS, with which PVRR connects in Holyoke. PVRR looks forward to working with CSXT and B&E in the successful implementation of the Pan Am and PAS transactions, and encourages the Board to grant its approval in these matters.

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PVRR withdraws its Notice of Intent to Participate (PVRR-1) submitted in these proceedings on August 20, 2021.

I certify that a copy of this PVRR-2 letter filing has been served by electronic mail upon all parties of record in these proceedings. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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