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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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:

Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc. ("HRRC") 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 in which Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC d/b/a Berkshire & Eastern Railroad ("B&E"), a subsidiary of Genesee & Wyoming Inc., proposes to assume operation of PAS.

HRRC is a Class III rail carrier which owns and operates approximately 38 miles of track in Massachusetts, approximately 84 miles in Connecticut, and approximately 42 miles in New York. HRRC interchanges with CSXT at Pittsfield, MA and interchanges with the Providence & Worcester Railroad ("PW") and PAS at Derby, CT.

HRRC engaged with CSXT regarding matters of interest to HRRC related to the proposed transactions, which HRRC feels will sustain and improve New England freight rail, both along current PAS rail lines and along CSXT lines which can now directly connect HRRC with Maine, New Hampshire and eastern Canadian shippers. HRRC expects the proposed transaction to benefit HRRC-served customers through improved service, reliability, and competitiveness of traffic moving between HRRC-served stations and former Pan Am and current PAS customers and stations and particularly by providing CSX service between HRRC's interchange in Pittsfield, Mass and shippers in Maine and New Hampshire.

HRRC looks forward to working aiding CSXT and B&E successfully implement the proposed transactions and expedite the realization of the transactions' proposed benefits. As such, HRRC encourages the Board to approve the proposed transactions.

I certify that a copy of this 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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