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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**Re: Pioneer Valley Railroad Company, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – In the Town of
Southampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. – AB 531 (Sub-No. 3X)**

Dear Ms. Brown:

By letter dated November 21, 2022, I requested, on behalf of the Town of Southampton, Massachusetts, the issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use rather than an outright abandonment authorization for the line of railroad of Pioneer Valley Railroad Company, Inc. (“PVRP”), subject of an Abandonment Exemption filing. In that filing, I included a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility (“Statement”) signed by the Southampton Select Board. The Statement was inadvertently dated November 10, 2023.

I would like to submit a revised Statement dated November 10, 2022. I appreciate your including this with the filings in this matter.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Katharine Lord Klein

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cc: Michael Schneider, Esq. (By Electronic Mail)

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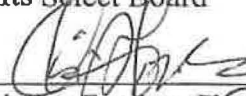
**STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

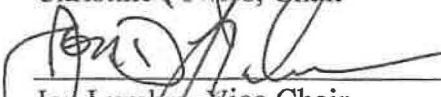
In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29 with respect to the right-of-way owned and operated by Pioneer Valley Railroad Company, Inc., the Town of Southampton ("Interim Trail Sponsor") is willing to assume full responsibility for: (1) managing the right-of-way; (2) any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of the right-of-way (unless the sponsor is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability); and (3) the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way. The Subject Line, known as the Florence Secondary, extends from Milepost 69.70 to Milepost 73.95, a distance of approximately 4.25 miles in Southampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts. The right-of-way is the line of railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB 531 (Sub-No. 3X). A map of the property depicting the right-of-way is attached.

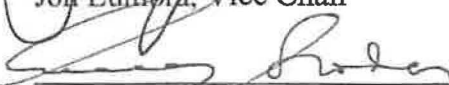
The Town of Southampton acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the Interim Trail Sponsor's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service. A copy of this Statement is being served on Pioneer Valley Railroad Company, Inc., c/o Michael Schneider, Esq., Doherty Wallace Pillsbury & Murphy P.C., One Monarch Place, Suite 1900, Springfield, MA 01144, mschneider@dwpm.com on the same date it is being served on the Board.

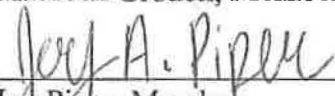
Executed this 10th day of November, 2022.

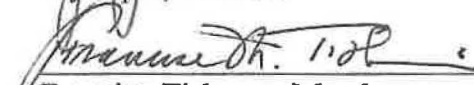
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