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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 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) – *Statement of Willingness to Negotiate Rail Banking Agreement*

Dear Ms. Brown,

By letter filed on November 21, 2022, the Town of Southampton submitted a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility for an approximately 4.25-mile rail line, known as the Florence Secondary, that runs between milepost 69.70 at Coleman Road and milepost 73.95 at Brickyard Road in Southampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts (the “Line”). By this letter, Pioneer Valley Railroad Company, Inc. (“PVRR”) agrees to negotiate with the Town of Southampton toward the possible interim trail use/rail banking arrangement for the Line. We recognize that we filed the “Interim Trail Use Agreement Reached” letter early, but PVRR is and remains willing to negotiate the possible interim trail use/rail banking of the Line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael S. Schneider'.

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