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VIA E-FILING

Chief of Case Administration
Office of Chief Counsel
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. FD 36906
Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc.
-Change of Operators Exemption-
Central New England Railroad, Inc.

Dear Ms. Chief of Case Administration:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc. ("CSO") certifies that on February 11, 2026, the enclosed notice was provided to Central New England Railroad, Inc. ("CNZR") for CNZR to provide to its employees and on February 19, 2026, CSO received confirmation from CNZR that its employees have been notified. The notice, certification of posting, and email requesting and confirming that the CNZR employees have been notified are enclosed. No labor union represents CNZR employees.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Justin J. Marks'.

Justin J. Marks
Counsel for Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc.

Enclosure

cc: Kristine Little, Counsel for CNZR

Before the
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Docket No. FD 36906

CONNECTICUT SOUTHERN RAILROAD, INC.
– CHANGE OF OPERATORS EXEMPTION –
CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The attached Notice of Intent directed to employees of Central New England Railroad, Inc. (“CNZR”) was provided to CNZR with the request that it be posted or provided directly to CNZR employees. I, Justin Marks, outside counsel for Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc., certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to execute this certificate.

Executed on February 19, 2026.



Justin J. Marks
Counsel for Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Docket No. FD 36906

CONNECTICUT SOUTHERN RAILROAD, INC.
– CHANGE OF OPERATORS EXEMPTION –
CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD, INC.

**NOTICE OF INTENT DIRECTED TO EMPLOYEES OF
CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD, INC.**

Pursuant to the regulations of the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) at 49 C.F.R. §1150.42(e), Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc. (“CSO”), hereby gives notice to the employees of Central New England Railroad, Inc. (“CNZR”) of CSO’s intent to lease from the Connecticut Department of Transportation, an approximately 8.64 mile line of railroad extending from milepost 0.0, at Hartford, CT, to milepost 8.64, at Griffins, CT (known as the Griffins Industrial Track). The lease is intended to be effective as of March 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as the Board gives its approval.

CSO does not anticipate any new job openings in connection with its proposed lease and operation of the Griffins Industrial Track. CNZR employees desiring further information regarding the transaction may contact Bob Wilcox at either 585-261-3437 or bwilcox@gwrr.com.

Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc.

By: 

Brian McClain, President

Dated: February 10, 2026

Marks, Justin J.

From: Burns, Matthew H. <Matthew.Burns@ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 3:21 PM
To: Mathew Kelly
Cc: Brian McClain; Bartek, Helen L; Brigance, Brian; Lluberes, Angelo; Jankovich, Richard T
Subject: FW: Griffin Industrial- Change in Operator

Good Afternoon Mathew,

Please see the response from Deb Belliveau.

Thanks,
Matt

From: Deb Belliveau <bbelliveau1@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 3:17 PM
To: Burns, Matthew H. <Matthew.Burns@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: Griffin Industrial- Change in Operator

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Yes all have been notified.

Deb

On Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 12:39:47 PM EST, Burns, Matthew H. <matthew.burns@ct.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Can CNZR confirm that is has or has not provided the attached Labor Notice to all impacted CNZR employees?

Thank you,
Matt

From: Mathew Kelly <matthew.kelly@gwrr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 1:28 PM
To: Kristine.Little@hklaw.com; Burns, Matthew H. <Matthew.Burns@ct.gov>
Cc: Brian McClain <bmcclain@gwrr.com>; Bartek, Helen L <Helen.Bartek@ct.gov>; Brigance, Brian <Brian.Brigance@ct.gov>; Lluberes, Angelo <Angelo.Lluberes@ct.gov>; Jankovich, Richard T <Richard.Jankovich@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Griffin Industrial- Change in Operator

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Good afternoon,

Can CNZR confirm that is has or has not provided the attached Labor Notice to all impacted CNZR employees?

Mathew J. Kelly

Associate Counsel

Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.

O: 203-202-8919 | C: 475-291-0032

Email: mathew.kelly@gwrr.com

From: Mathew Kelly

Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 11:53 AM

To: Kristine.Little@hklaw.com; Burns, Matthew H. <Matthew.Burns@ct.gov>

Cc: Brian McClain <bmcclain@gwrr.com>; Bartek, Helen L <Helen.Bartek@ct.gov>; Brigance, Brian <Brian.Brigance@ct.gov>; Lluberes, Angelo <Angelo.Lluberes@ct.gov>; Jankovich, Richard T <Richard.Jankovich@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Griffin Industrial- Change in Operator

Good morning,

Please find attached the required Labor Notice we request that you provide to your employees directly or post is a common carrier that is visible and to CNZR employees.

Please respond confirming such notice has been sent to all affected employees or has been posted in a place visible and accessible by all affected employees.

Thank you.

Mathew J. Kelly