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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 Chief of Case Administration:

On March 5, 2026, Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc. ("CSO") submitted a change in operator exemption to lease a line of railroad owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation extending from milepost 0.0, at Hartford, CT, to milepost 8.64, at Griffins, CT.

The incumbent rail operator is the Central New England Railroad, Inc. ("CNZR"). *Central New England Railroad, Inc. – Operation Exemption – Line Owned by State of Connecticut Department of Transportation*, STB Finance Docket No. 33680 (served January 28, 1999). The CNZR notice of exemption from 1999 indicates that CNZR leased the line of railroad from milepost 0.0, at Hartford, CT, to milepost 8.7 at Griffins.

The Board has contacted the undersigned counsel inquiring about the end milepost – 8.7. It is CSO's understanding that the milepost 8.7 endpoint is a historical error because anything beyond milepost 8.64 was apparently abandoned in 1938 and there is no evidence to suggest that any rail operations have taken place beyond milepost 8.64 in the last twenty-seven years.

Respectfully,



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