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VERIFIED STATEMENT

of

Patricia LaPlatney

on behalf of the

Can-Am Trading & Logistics, LLC

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My name is Patricia LaPlatney. I am the owner of the Can-Am Trading & Logistics, LLC, Route 87 Franklin, CT. I have served in this capacity since May of 2014.

Can-Am Trading & Logistics, LLC is a log consolidation yard in Franklin CT. We buy round logs from local loggers and resell the logs within the US, Canada and overseas to Asia. In addition to buying round wood, we have also been a transloading facility for Scotts Miracle Grow when they were purchasing pulp round wood from NY.

On August 31, 2016 Genesee & Wyoming Inc. ("G&W") filed with the Surface Transportation Board a Petition for Exemption to acquire control of Providence and Worcester Railroad Company ("P&W"), a Class III railroad operating in [Name of State].

My experiences working with G&W-owned railroads have been very positive. G&W-owned railroads provide freight service to many areas of Connecticut that otherwise would have no access to the national rail network without short line service. Genesee & Wyoming Inc. has a very strong record of acquiring short lines throughout the United States, investing in the properties, and growing business. In my experience, G&W-owned short lines provide safe, reliable rail freight service that helps support jobs in our state.

I understand that G&W will continue to operate P&W operate as a separate railroad. However, I am sure the overall corporate focus, professionalism and the commitment to safety and service will definitely be beneficial for the P&W.

For these reasons, I strongly support G&W's petition and control of P&W, and ask for expedited review and approval of it by the Surface Transportation Board.

I, **Patricia LaPlatney**, declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States, that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement.



Patricia LaPlatney

Oct 6, 2016

cc: All parties of record