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US Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Docket No. FD 36326
BROOKFIELD ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC. AND DPJ XX. LLC –
CONTROL EXEMPTION – GENESEE & WYOMING, INC., ET AL.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the approximately 19,400 residents of Central Falls, Rhode Island, I am writing to advocate for consideration of the Blackstone River Valley Greenway (Greenway) from Worcester to Providence as part of the proposed acquisition of control of Genesee & Wyoming, Inc. and the 106 rail carriers it controls by Brookfield Asset Management, Inc. (Brookfield) and DJP XX, LLC (referenced above.)

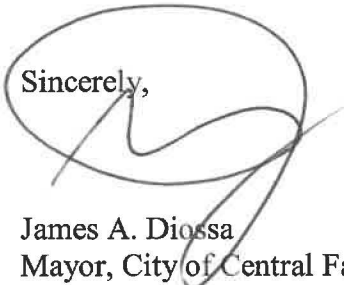
Segment 3B.1 of the Greenway runs through Central Falls, a 1.2 square mile City approximately 7 miles north of Providence. The Greenway is a multi-use path primarily for biking and walking in natural areas along the Blackstone River. For more than 40 years, City residents, staff and elected officials have been working with the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and other partners to secure land, easements, and construction funding to complete this attractive recreational resource for the hundreds of thousands of people living along the 48 miles through which it travels. The City's interest in the Greenway lies not only in recreation and access to nature, but also the health benefits from a connected, active transportation network and the economic benefits from tourism that other major bike routes have proven to attract. In sum, the Greenway project is a longstanding priority for the City of Central Falls, and its partners, residents and businesses.

The completion of the Greenway represents an enormous and cost-effective opportunity for Brookfield to make positive contributions to its new community. By taking the lead on this project, Brookfield will leave a lasting legacy throughout Southern New England and serve as a

shining example of how large companies can bring transformational benefits to local populations. In order to accomplish this task, I suggest that Brookfield appoint a full-time staff member to work with the cities and towns to implement the land transfers and easements needed to complete the Greenway project. My staff and I will provide whatever support could be helpful in working with Brookfield to complete the Greenway.

As always, I am available to answer questions or provide additional information upon request. I thank you very much for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



James A. Diossa
Mayor, City of Central Falls

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Mr. Peter Denton
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