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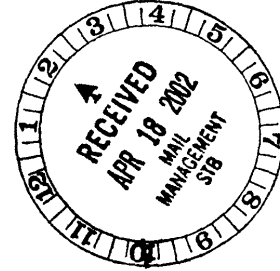
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BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



Re: STB Finance Docket No. 33697 -- National Railroad Passenger  
Corporation -- Petition for Declaratory Order -- Weight of Rail

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten copies of Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority's Petition to Intervene in this matter. Also enclosed are three diskettes, each containing an electronic copy of the petition.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nathaniel M. Rosenblatt".

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Counsel for Northern New England  
Passenger Rail Authority

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Encs.

cc (w/ enc.): The Honorable Linda J. Morgan (courtesy copy)  
The Honorable Wayne O. Burkes (courtesy copy)  
All Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE  
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NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY'S  
PETITION TO INTERVENE

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**NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY'S  
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1112.4 and 1117.1, the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority ("NNEPRA") hereby petitions to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding. NNEPRA supports the relief sought in this proceeding by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation ("Amtrak"), and endorses the procedural schedule which has been recommended by Amtrak.

NNEPRA is a body politic and corporate, established under the laws of the State of Maine, to promote rail passenger service between points in Maine and points within and outside Maine. NNEPRA has a long-term objective of reestablishing a passenger rail network in the State of Maine, with connections to other New England states and Canada. By statute, NNEPRA's first priority is the restoration of rail passenger service between Portland, ME and Boston, MA.

Since its establishment in 1995, NNEPRA has been centrally involved in planning, facilitating and implementing

the introduction of Amtrak passenger service between Portland and Boston, including the operation of Amtrak trains over Guilford's 1/ line between Plaistow, NH and Portland (the "Plaistow-Portland line"). NNEPRA coordinated the some \$54 million of federal and state funding which has been spent to rehabilitate Guilford's Plaistow-Portland line to accommodate 79 miles-per-hour Amtrak operations. NNEPRA is party to various contractual arrangements with Guilford and Amtrak that pertain to this Amtrak passenger service.

NNEPRA seeks to participate in this proceeding as a party so as to ensure that the interests of the State of Maine at issue in this proceeding are fully protected. Permitting NNEPRA to intervene as a party will not unduly disrupt the schedule for filing briefs and associated verified statements, nor will it unduly broaden the issues raised in the proceeding.

As noted above, NNEPRA joins in the relief being sought by Amtrak and in the procedural schedule Amtrak has proposed. NNEPRA does not propose to file its own opening evidentiary submission, but rather joins in the April 12 submission made by Amtrak. If NNEPRA determines to file a separate response to Guilford's reply filing or to the filing of

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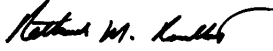
1/ Springfield Terminal Railway Company, Boston and Maine Corporation, and Portland Terminal Company are referred to collectively as "Guilford."

any other party, it would propose to do so on the date that Amtrak's response is due to be filed; however, NNEPRA reserves the right simply to join in any response filed by Amtrak.

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For the reasons stated above, NNEPRA requests that its Petition To Intervene be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of April, 2002,  
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foregoing Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority's  
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