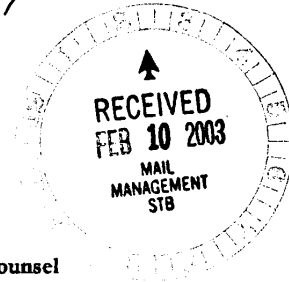


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RE: LB Railco, Inc. - Lease and Operation Exemption -
Providence and Worcester Railway Company

Honorable Sir:

I am writing this letter at the request of LB Railco, the Town of Millbury, and Ms. Elizabeth Aubin, to delay any further action in the captioned matter for three weeks. I was unable to reach Ms. Pigsley of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The National Solid Wastes Management Association would not agree without information as to the negotiations which the writer is not privy to.

The Town, LB Railco and Ms. Aubin are engaged in discussions aimed at resolving this matter amicably. They wish to adjourn all action in this proceeding for three weeks to give them time to reach a settlement, if one can be achieved. This would mean that all replies to Ms. Aubin's pending motion would be adjourned from Wednesday February 12 through and including Wednesday, March 5, 2003, and that the Board would not issue a decision in this matter prior to that date.

Thank you for your consideration of this joint request.

Very truly yours

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