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Re: Finance Docket No. 34281: LB Railco, Inc. - Lease and Operation Exemption -
Providence and Worcester Railway Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

I represent the Town of Millbury in the above matter. I am writing to request a further one-week delay in any action in this matter by the Surface Transportation Board, and a corresponding extension of the deadline for submitting replies to the Motion of Elizabeth Aubin to Lift Stay, from the current deadline of today, March 26, 2003. The deadline would thereby become Wednesday, April 2, 2003. This request is made after consultation with, and concurrence of, counsel for LB Railco, Inc., Elizabeth Aubin, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission. Counsel for the National Solid Waste Management Association has been consulted, but could not obtain consent from his client in time to join in this request.

The Surface Transportation Board has previously twice agreed to delay action in this proceeding and to extend the deadline for replies to Mrs. Aubin's Motion, first in response to a request from John F. McHugh, Esq., counsel for LB Railco, Inc., (see Decision (SEC 33394), decided February 19, 2003), and on the second occasion in response to a request from the undersigned (see Decision (SEC 33439), decided March 6, 2003). In each case, the request was made, with the concurrence of the opposing parties, on the basis that negotiations were ongoing which might lead to a settlement of the matter. The parties now seek this further extension to

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allow additional time for these negotiations to continue. As a stay is currently in effect for the exemption at issue in this proceeding, and the proponents of the exemption have agreed to this request, no party to the proceeding will be disadvantaged by the requested delay.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



John W. Giorgio

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Enc.

cc: Board of Selectmen

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