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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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RE: STB Docket No. AB-254 (Sub-No. 7X)
Providence and Worcester Railroad Company ("P&W") – Abandonment
In Worcester County, MA and Windham County, CT

Dear Secretary Williams:

Reference is made to a letter dated June 26, 2006 from the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (the "State") to the STB requesting an extension of time to continue and complete negotiations with P&W in connection with the NITU issued by the Board in its decision served on January 26, 2005. As stated in that letter, the parties are continuing to negotiate but need an additional six (6) months until October 26, 2006 to complete negotiations. P&W hereby agrees and assents to the State's request.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or need any further information.

Respectfully yours,

Mary A. Tanona
General Counsel

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cc: David Leff, CTDEP