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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
395 East Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE Providence & Worcester Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment of Portion of Slatersville
Secondary Track in Woonsocket, RI

Dear Madam or Sir:

Please accept this letter as a request for public use condition under 49 USC 10905 regarding the above-referenced rail right-of-way. As you may be aware, the City of Woonsocket is in the process of completing a commuter rail feasibility study that includes this portion of track. This study is not yet complete. The study should be finished by June 30, 2007. Because of the possibility for commuter rail reuse of this section of track, the City of Woonsocket respectfully requests that no action be taken that would limit the city or the state's ability to negotiate for the use of this rail right-of-way for future commuter rail service, until such a time when the commuter rail feasibility is completed and the study's recommendations can be fully assessed. The time period required for completing the study and the additional assessment and planning would not exceed 180 days.

Thank you for providing the City of Woonsocket with the opportunity to make this request under 49 USC 10905. I realize that this request will arrive to you later than the deadline ascribed, however, please know that I had difficulty totally understanding the exact procedures and rights the City enjoyed under the Surface Transportation Board's regulations. I am very sorry for the delay in my response. Please allow me to note that I had previously made a similar request with the Section of Environmental Analysis, and had mistakenly assumed that that was sufficient correspondence to express the City's intent and desire regarding this issue. The City of Woonsocket greatly appreciates your attention in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, I may be reached at 401-767-1418.

Sincerely,


Catherine Ady
City Planner

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Marie A. Angelini, Providence & Worcester Railroad Company

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