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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**Re: Providence and Worcester Railroad Company – Abandonment
Exemption – Slatersville Secondary Track (Woonsocket, RI and
Blackstone, MA), Docket No. AB-254 (Sub-No. 9X)**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 20, 2007, the City of Woonsocket requested that the Board take no action with respect to the pending abandonment in this matter in order to give Woonsocket time to complete a commuter rail feasibility study. That study has now been completed and it appears that the Slatersville Secondary Track is not considered feasible for commuter rail reuse at this time. Accordingly, the City of Woonsocket does not intend to initiate any public use negotiations for this section of track and withdraws its request for the imposition of a public use condition.

The City of Woonsocket appreciates the diligence and oversight provided by the Surface Transportation Board, which allowed the City to complete its commuter rail feasibility study prior to considering the request to abandon the Slatersville Secondary Track.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine Ady", is written over a horizontal line.

Catherine Ady, City Planner

cc Marie A. Angelini, General Counsel

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