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September 16, 2008

PVRR-4

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Re: **Finance Docket No. 35147**
Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Pan Am Railways, Inc., et al. --
Joint Control and Operating/Pooling Agreements --
Pan Am Southern LLC

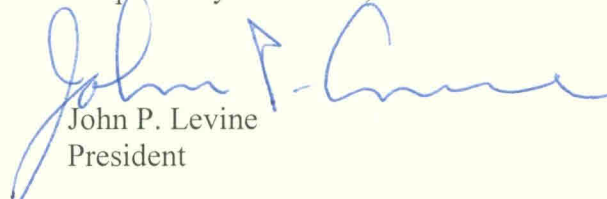
Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing on behalf of the Pioneer Valley Railroad Company, Inc. ("PVRR") to urge the Board regarding the recent request by several parties for oral argument in Finance Docket No. 35147, the application by Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Pan Am Railways, Inc. to create Pan Am Southern LLC to operate certain rail lines in New England.

The benefits of the proposed transaction for rail competition and service in New England are substantial. Additionally, the investments to be made in the Pan Am Southern property are badly needed and important to connecting carriers like PVRR. PVRR does not believe that this important transaction for the New England rail network should be unnecessarily delayed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



John P. Levine
President