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**RE: Docket No. AB-254 (Sub-No. 10), *Providence and Worcester Railroad Company – Adverse Abandonment – Track of Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc. in Fairfield and New Haven Counties, Connecticut* -
Reply of Providence and Worcester Railroad Company to Request for
Extension of Time**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of Providence and Worcester Railroad Company ("P&W"), this letter is to advise the Board that we just received a copy of the Housatonic Railroad Company ("HRRC") Request for Extension of Time to Reply to Petition for Waiver.

While it is customary for counsel seeking extensions of time to consult with the other party prior to making such a request, and although no such consultation occurred here, P&W does not oppose this HRRC request.

Having said that, P&W wants the record to be clear that it does not agree that the date HRRC found out that a filing fee was paid has anything to do with its obligation to abide by the Board's procedural rules. Similarly, as petitions seeking waiver of the technical requirements of the abandonment regulations are the norm rather than the exception, P&W's Petition for Waiver of certain of those regulations is neither novel nor complicated. Consequently, HRRC's representation that an extension of time is required



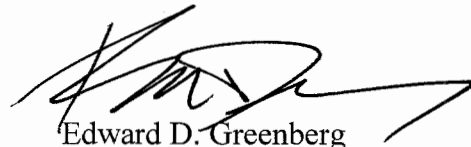
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to allow it to do "significant research" or so that the issues may "be addressed in a preliminary manner" is less than convincing.

Respectfully submitted,

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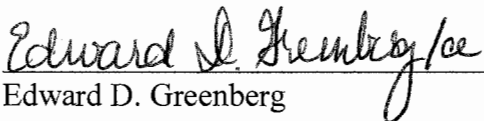
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Reply to the Request for Extension of Time was served by electronic and first-class mail on September 24, 2010, on the following:

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