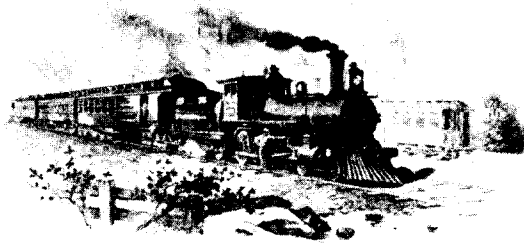


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RE: **STB Docket No. AB-254 (Sub-No. 7X)**
Providence and Worcester Railroad Company ("P&W") – Abandonment
in Worcester County, MA and Windham County, CT

Dear Secretary Williams:

Reference is made to a letter dated today, July 26, 2005 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 three (3) months until October 26, 2005 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,

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Assistant General Counsel

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