• New York and Atlantic Railway (NYA) was established 20 years ago as a collaborative approach between the Metropolitan Transit Authority/ the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) and Anacostia Rail Holdings (ARH) to privatize rail freight services on LIRR.

• NYA operates over 270 miles throughout the LIRR network and maintains selected sidings and tracks designated exclusively for freight service.

• ARH has a family of six short line railroads across the United States. ARH is widely recognized by its peers and the Class 1 railroads as a pioneer in the development of franchises in complex operating environments.

• NYA expanded its business to serving 65 customers, more than half of which became new customers since NYA took over freight operations on the LIRR.

• NYA traffic has more than doubled and the railroad handles a variety of commodities that are critical to the local economy.

• The NYA management team has over a collective century of railroad experience.

• NYA operating employees are proud Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen union members with ranks that have grown to over 35 employees. NYA’s diverse workforce is dedicated to providing safe quality service to its customers.

• NYA has contributed over $25 million to the LIRR as part of the financial arrangement between NYA and LIRR, including annual fees, royalties and locomotive lease fees.

• The NYA has secured grants and provided matching funds to make critical improvements to LIRR infrastructure. This capital contribution has been substantial, surpassing $25 Million with projects including reconstruction of terminals, clearance improvements, new yard tracks and locomotive fleet upgrades.

• NYA has a foundation of quality service and has been recognized as a critical partner for maintaining service year-around. During harsh weather conditions, such as winter season and Hurricane Sandy, NYA has provided fuel deliveries for Long Island homes. NYA also provides mainline snow removal services to the LIRR as needed to restore passenger operations.

• NYA rail traffic removes over 100,000 trucks from our region’s congested bridges and highways annually.

• NYA has always placed highest priority on safe railroad operation and has received numerous Jake awards from the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRA) to recognize NYA’s safety performance. In 2012, NYA was recognized with the Most Improved Railroad Award and the Corporate Safety and Compliance Officer also received the ASLRA’s 2013 Safety Professional of the Year Award.

• NYA remains committed to work closely with the LIRR, the State of New York and all local host communities to run a safe, efficient and environmentally sensitive operation.

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