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RWU Convention Resolution #6

RWU Resolution in Support of PTC Implementation

Whereas, Positive Train Control was first mandated by the federal government in 2008 by the Rail Safety Improvement Act (RSIA); and

Whereas, the technology has been available for more than three decades now; and

Whereas, the National Transportation Safety Board first addresses the need for some form of train control half a century ago and since 1990 has included PTC on its *Most Wanted List* every year; and

Whereas, while some rail carriers have completed or are near completion, others have dragged their feet on implementation; and

Whereas, numerous train wrecks have taken place since 2008 at the cost of dozens of lives, hundreds injured, and hundreds of millions in damages, all potentially avoidable or mitigated had PTC been in place;

Therefore, Be it Resolved that RWU demands that the rail carriers be allowed no more extensions, and be directed by the Federal Railroad Administration to fully complete implementation of PTC by the end of 2018; and

Be it Further Resolved that RWU support the bill currently before Congress, *The Positive Train Control Implementation & Financing Act of 2018* which would prohibit further extensions of the requirement to implement PTC beyond December 31st.

Adopted by the RWU 6th RWU Biennial Convention Assembled in Chicago, April 5 & 6, 2018