



The Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad (BPRR) took a huge step forward in automation in 2006 and 2007 with an extensive rollout of ShipperConnect and e-BOL. By offering these RailConnect internet services to their customers, the BPRR has been able to capture close to 64% of all releases automatically.

In addition, the BPRR has begun to use the RailConnect TMS blocking tables to automate 88% of constructive placements and 83% of storage moves.

As part of this push for automation, the BPRR is proud to have developed a book of "Standards and Guidelines" that offers definitions for The Customer and traffic type; naming conventions for customers, RWCs, blocking rules, and e-BOL patterns; and flow-charts to describe auto-PCON and auto-STEAs set-up.

By establishing and following this set of standards, the BPRR is staying on track with RailConnect automation.