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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-32 (Sub-No. 65X)

BOSTON AND MAINE CORPORATION--ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION--IN CARROLL COUNTY, NH

Decided: January 23, 1998

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The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) served an environmental assessment (EA) in this proceeding on December 11, 1997, preliminarily concluding that, as currently proposed, abandonment of the line will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. SEA requested comments by December 23, 1997.

On January 13, 1998, the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) late-filed comments identifying 12 geodetic station markers that may be affected by the proposed abandonment. NGS requests that it be notified 90 days in advance of any activities that would disturb or destroy these markers to plan for their relocation. Therefore, SEA recommends that a condition be imposed requiring B&M to consult with the NGS and provide NGS with 90 days' notice prior to disturbing or destroying any geodetic markers.

The recommended condition will be imposed. As conditioned, this decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. This proceeding is reopened.
2. Upon reconsideration, the exemption of the abandonment of the rail line described above is subject to the condition that B&M consult with the NGS and provide NGS with 90 days' notice prior to disturbing or destroying any geodetic markers.

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