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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-32 (Sub-No. 95X)

BOSTON AND MAINE CORPORATION–ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION–IN  
ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES, MA

Decided: April 4, 2007

The Boston and Maine Corporation (B&M) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F–Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 9.69-mile portion of the Wakefield Junction Industrial Track between milepost 9.38 and milepost 19.07 in Essex and Middlesex Counties, MA.<sup>1</sup> Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on March 7, 2007 (72 FR 10295). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on April 6, 2007.

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) served an environmental assessment (EA) in this proceeding on March 12, 2007. In the EA, SEA notes that the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) has identified 11 geodetic station markers that may be affected by the proposed abandonment. Therefore, SEA recommends that B&M be required to provide NGS with at least 90 days' notice prior to conducting salvage activities so that NGS may plan for the possible relocation of the identified geodetic station markers.

Comments to the EA were due by the March 26, 2007. No comments were received by the due date. Accordingly, the condition recommended by the SEA in the EA 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 for abandonment of the rail line described above and covered by the notice served and published in the Federal Register on March 7, 2007, is

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<sup>1</sup> Springfield Terminal Railway Company (ST) jointly filed this notice of exemption in order for ST to discontinue service over the same line in STB Docket No. AB-355 (Sub-No. 26X), Springfield Terminal Railway Company–Discontinuance of Service Exemption–In Essex and Middlesex Counties, MA.

subject to the condition that B&M shall notify NGS at least 90 days prior to conducting salvage activities so that NGS may plan for the possible relocation of the identified geodetic station markers.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary