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Mr. Robert Burns
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North Billerica, MA 01862
978-663-1215

Re: Abandonment and Discontinuance of Hampton Branch
Dkt. No. AB 32 (Sub-No. 104X) and AB 355 (Sub-No. 40X)

Dear Mr. Burns:

The Division of Historical Resources (Division) is in receipt of the December 10, 2012 correspondence continuing consultation regarding the abovementioned project.

Thank you for sharing Boston & Maine's (B&M) intension to convey title of the abandoned branch property to the State of New Hampshire and B&M's agreement to include in the record of abandonment and purchaser documents a Statement of Significance for the National Register-eligible Hampton Branch of the B&M line and the language, "Any future undertakings shall enter into consultation with the Division and concerned Towns in order to identify possible adverse effects to the line, if changes to the line are proposed."

With the inclusion of the above, the Division views this undertaking as a "No Adverse Effect," pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.5, on any properties or districts that are listed in or may be eligible for the National Register, or on properties of known or potential architectural, historical, archaeological or cultural significance.

Sincerely,

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New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources

Cc: David Navecky (Surface Transportation Board)

