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Subject Fitchburg Freight Cut-Off, Somerville, MA -  
Abandonment/Discontinuance

Re: STB Docket # AB-32 (Sub-No. 99X) Boston and Maine Corporation -  
Abandonment Exemption in Middlesex County,  
MA

STB Docket # AB-355 (Sub-No. 33X) Springfield Terminal Railway Company  
- Discontinuance of Service Exemption in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Ms. Glidden,

Per our earlier phone conversation, Boston and Maine Corporation/Springfield Terminal Railway Company ("B&M/ST") will not be conducting any salvage operations. At one time, B&M/ST owned the property. However, it is currently owned by The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority ("MBTA"). B&M/ST retained a Freight Easement in the property. We apologize for any confusion.

Also, I spoke to Richard Chalpin, Regional Director of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MDEP"), earlier this morning, regarding his previously submitted comments. Mr. Chalpin's comments were to be considered general in nature, and were primarily aimed at citing the relevant laws which need to be followed prior to the commencement of any salvage activities. As B&M/ST does not currently own the property, B&M/ST will not be conducting any salvage operations. The MDEP does not care which entitie(s) notify them prior to the commencement of such activities, so long as they are consulted in accordance with the relevant laws. In this case, subject to MBTA agreement, it would most likely be the City of Somerville, or one of its contractors, that would actually conduct any salvage operations.

Sincerely,

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Staff Attorney