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Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation has reviewed the Environmental and Historical Report relating to Docket No. AB-862 of the United States Surface Transportation Board relating to the Abandonment of service by the Twin State Railroad Company in Caledonia and Essex Counties, Vermont.

We agree with the Vermont Agency of Transportation that abandoned rail corridors should be protected for potential future use or interim recreational uses. We also would like to clarify that all railroad appurtenances located along the line, such as discarded ties, should be removed whether they have salvage value or not.

Sincerely,

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Section of Energy and Environment (Room 3219)
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
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**Re: *Twin State Railroad Company – Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service
– In Caledonia and Essex Counties, Vermont – Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. AB-862***

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed you will find a letter from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources which was received in response to the Environmental and Historic Report in the above referenced matter. The Environmental and Historic Report was filed with your office on or about November 7, 2003. Kindly include this letter with that Report.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

David H. Anderson
Counsel for Twin State
Railroad Company

cc: Mr. Clyde S. Forbes
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