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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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Office of Proceedings
August 30, 2012
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Public Record

Re: STB Docket No. AB-32 (Sub No. 103X) – Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company – Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service – Watertown Branch – Middlesex County, MA – Verified Notice of Exemption

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing with the Board in the subject docket is a Notice of Consummation. Kindly file and docket in your usual manner.

Should you have any questions in regard to this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (978) 663-1215. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Burns", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert B. Burns
Legal Counsel
Boston and Maine Corporation

Encl.

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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DOCKET NOS.:
AB 32 (Sub No. 103X)
AB 355 (Sub No. 39)

BOSTON & MAINE CORPORATION
SPRINGFIELD TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY
--ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE--
WATERTOWN BRANCH, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502, the Surface Transportation Board allowed the Boston and Maine Corporation's ("B&M") and Springfield Terminal Railway Company's (S&T") Notice of Exemption to abandon and discontinue service over a 1.7+/- mile freight rail line known as the Watertown Branch, extending from mileposts 4.28 to milepost 6.0, in Watertown and Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts by decision decided October 5, 2011, and effective October 6, 2011. Abandonment was subject to the conditions that, prior to commencement of any salvage activities by B&M, B&M shall: (1) consult with the National Geodetic Survey and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning any salvage activities that could disrupt or destroy geodetic survey markers.

There being no regulatory barriers to the consummation of this abandonment, the B&M hereby gives notice pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(c)(2) that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line as of August 28, 2012, and all freight easement rights thereon, with the intent that the line be removed from the interstate rail network.

Dated: August 28, 2012



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