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April 5, 2022

VIA E-FILING

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: New England Central Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption –
in Franklin County, VT
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1315X

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket is a notice of exempt abandonment being filed on behalf of the New England Central Railroad, Inc. The filing fee has been paid via pay.gov.

Also enclosed is an addendum to NECR's Environmental and Historic Report that NECR is serving on the relevant environmental and historical agencies.

If you have any questions related to this filing, please let me know.

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TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Sincerely,



Justin J. Marks
Counsel for New England Central Railroad, Inc.

Enclosure

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Before the
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Docket No. AB 1315X

NEW ENGLAND CENTRAL RAILROAD, INC.
- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION –
IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, VT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION - IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, VT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

New England Central Railroad, Inc. (“NECR”) is filing this Notice of Exemption under the Board’s class exemption procedures at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, seeking exemption authority for its abandonment of a line of railroad between approximately Mile Post 0.436 (Railroad Station 23+03) at the south side of Lower Newton Road and extending to Mile Post 0.60 (Railroad Station 31+68) (the “Subject Line”) in St. Albans, Franklin County, Vermont.

NECR owns a railroad operating easement, the rail, track material and other personal property. There are no stations on the Subject Line. A map of the Subject Line is attached as Exhibit A.

No local service has been provided since approximately May of 2005, and there is no overhead traffic on the Subject Line. At this time, following abandonment, NECR plans to salvage the rail line and intends to sell the Subject Line to the State of Vermont.¹

This Notice of Exemption is being filed pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50 regarding exemptions for out of service rail lines. In accordance with such

¹ The underlying property is owned by CV Properties Inc., a non-carrier. The underlying property would also be sold to the State of Vermont.

requirements, NECR hereby provides the following information in support of its request for an abandonment exemption:

- 1) The exact name of the Applicant is New England Central Railroad, Inc.
- 2) NECR is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, chapter 105.
- 3) The relief sought by NECR is an exemption for the abandonment of the line of railroad extending between approximately Mile Post 0.436 (Railroad Station 23+03) at the south side of Lower Newton Road and extending to Mile Post 0.60 (Railroad Station 31+68) in St. Albans, Franklin County, Vermont.
- 4) A map of the Subject Line is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 5) The representative of NECR to whom correspondence should be sent is: Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill, PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market St., Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103; (215) 640-8523; or Justin J. Marks, Clark Hill PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004; (202) 772-0916.
- 6) The Subject Line traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 05478.
- 7) NECR understands that portions of the Subject Line may be suitable for trail use or other public purposes, and intends to sell the Subject Line to the State of Vermont.
- 8) NECR proposes to consummate the abandonment on or after May 26, 2022.
- 9) NECR certifies that:
 - a) No local traffic has moved over the Subject Line since approximately May 2005.
Because the Subject Line is not a “through line,” there is no overhead traffic.
 - b) No formal complaint by a user of rail service on the Subject Line, or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user, regarding cessation of service over the

Subject Line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court, or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the two year period.

10) Although no employees of NECR will be affected by the proposed abandonment, NECR recognizes that its abandonment of the Subject Line will be made subject to the standard employee protective conditions as set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad Co.-*

Abandonment -- Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

11) NECR filed an Environmental / Historic Report (“EHR”) with the Board, and served the agencies identified in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(b) and the Vermont State Historical Preservation Office, on June 1, 2021, more than twenty days prior to this filing. ²

12) NECR certifies that it has complied with the legal (newspaper) notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1105.11. Notice of the proposed abandonment was published in the St. Albans Messenger on May 4, 2021. A copy of the form of notice and a copy of the proof of publication are attached as Exhibit B.

13) NECR certifies that it has complied with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50(d)(1). A copy of the notice dated February 9, 2022 sent to the required governmental agencies is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

² In a letter dated April 5, 2022, to the consulted environmental agencies and the SHPO, NECR supplemented the original Historic Report at Section 2 to revise the description of the right of way from 82.5 feet to 36.5 feet wide. The remaining extra-wide portion of the right-of-way is being disposed by the underlying landowner. The transfer does not disrupt the continuity of the 36.5-foot-wide rail corridor for future common carrier rail operations or for use as a trail if the Board were to issue a NITU.

For the reasons set forth above, the Board should find that NECR's proposed abandonment satisfies the exemption requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50, and should issue the appropriate notice.

Respectfully submitted,



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*Counsel for New England Central
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Dated: April 5, 2022

VERIFICATION

I hereby verify on behalf of New England Central Railroad, Inc., under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this Verification.

Executed on April 5, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Wagner', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Leonard Wagner, President

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

EXHIBIT A

MAP



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

EXHIBIT B

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

SAINT ALBANS MESSENGER

STATE OF VERMONT

DOCKET # AB 1315X

IN RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON RAIL SERVICE

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

NOW COMES Rachel Hayes, an employee of St. Albans Messenger
deposes and says that the attached LEGAL NOTICE was published in the St Albans
Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in St. Albans, Vermont on May 4, 2021.

By: R. Hayes

Dated: May 6th, 2021

Subscribed and sworn to before me under pains of perjury this 6th day of
May, 2021.



Ben Letourneau
Notary Public

Printed Name: Ben Letourneau

My Commission Expires: 01/31/23

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Employment and Legals



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LEGALS

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Fletcher, in the County of Franklin and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such town for the fiscal years 2019-2020 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such town, to wit:

PARCEL 3: Being a parcel of land containing 0.14 acres, more or less, with all improvements thereon, located at 143 Fairfield Road in the Town of Fletcher and being a portion of the lands

and premises conveyed to **Hugh Lancaster and Eva H. Lancaster** by Quitclaim Deed of Leslie Black dated March 9, 1981, of record at Volume 36, Page 196 of the Town of Fletcher Land Records.

PARCEL 4: Being a parcel of land containing 20.34 acres, more or less, with improvements thereon, located at 4779 Pond Road in the Town of Fletcher; and being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to **James McGregor** by Warranty Deed of Patricia Mathis dated August 4, 1987, of record in Volume 41 at Page 331 of the Town of Fletcher Land Records.

and so much of such lands will be sold at a public auction in front of the Town Clerk's Office in the Town of Fletcher, a public place in such town, on the 20th day of May, 2021, at 2:30 o'clock p.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

Information regarding the amount of taxes due may be obtained through Chad V. Bonanni, Esquire, Attorney for the Tax Collector, Fred Fletcher, at (802) 879-6304. DATED at Fletcher, Vermont, this 6th day of April, 2021.

/s/ FRED FLETCHER,
TAX COLLECTOR
FOR THE TOWN OF FLETCHER

Notice of Intent To Abandon Rail Service

New England Central Railroad, Inc. gives notice that on or about May 27, 2021, it intends to file with

GEMS

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CUSTODIAL POSITION Full - Time

Georgia Elementary and Middle School is looking to fill a full time Custodial position for the evening shift.

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for more information and an application.

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for more information and an application.



PART-TIME POSITION OPENING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Town of Swanton

The Town of Swanton is seeking qualified applicants for office clerical work including typing and filing and for minute taking at municipal board meetings among other duties. This is a part-time position with no benefits. Pay rate will be commensurate with experience and skills.

For a detailed job description and application form, see the EMPLOYMENT page of the Town of Swanton website:

<https://townofswantonvermont.weebly.com/employment-volunteers.html>

The application deadline and instructions on how to apply are provided on the Town website. Questions may be directed to Town Administrator David Jescavage by calling 868-7418.



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Contact Information

Terry Mazza, Human Resources Director

12 Bradley St., Milton, VT 05468

802-893-5304 | FAX: 802-893-3020 | Email: tmazza@mymtsd-vt.org

Employment and Legals

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY HERBICIDES

The New England Central Railroad will spray portions of its right-of-way for weed control. Spray will be conducted by a Vermont-certified herbicide applicator starting on or about approximately **May 15, 2021**, and will be limited to areas in accordance with the herbicide application permit. A request for permission to use herbicides has been submitted to the State of Vermont Commissioner of Agriculture.

Spraying will be conducted in the following towns in Vermont: **Putney, Dummerston, Brattleboro, Vernon, Alburgh, Swanton, St. Albans, Georgia, Jericho, Williston, Milton, Colchester, Essex Town, Essex Junction Village, Winooski, Burlington, Richmond, Bolton, Duxbury, Waterbury, Middlesex, Montpelier, Berlin, Northfield, Roxbury, Granville, Braintree, Randolph, Bethel, Royalton, Sharon, Hartford, Hartland, Windsor, Rockingham, Bellows Falls, Westminster.**

The following herbicides will be applied in liquid form: **Lock Down SC, Opensight, Razor Xtreme, and Spyder Extra.**

Residents along the right-of-way who have private water supplies or other sensitive areas should be protected from this herbicide application. Residents must notify the following contact person about the existence of these features: **Wendy Shellito Project Scientist, Waite-Heindel Environmental Management, Burlington, VT (802-860-9400 x103).**

For further information or complaints, contact the Vermont Department of Agriculture, Food & Markets, 116 State Street, Montpelier, VT, phone (802) 828-2430.

the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to permit the abandonment of an 866-foot segment of railroad line between approximately Mile Post 0.436 (Railroad Station 23+03) at the south side of Lower Newton Road and crossing and extending to Mile Post 0.60 (Railroad Station 31+68) in St. Albans, VT, traversing through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 05478. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB 1315X. The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC or by calling that office at (202) 245-0245.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of Proceedings either via e-filing or addressed to 395 E. Street S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicants' representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Justin J. Marks, Clark Hill PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004; (202) 772-0916; jmarks@clarkhill.com.

**STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT
SUPERIOR COURT
FRANKLIN UNIT,
CIVIL DIVISION
DOCKET NO:
299-8-18 FRCV
WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A.
v.
JEREMY LAMBERT
AND ELIZABETH LAMBERT
OCCUPANTS OF:
165 North River Street,
Swanton VT
MORTGAGEE'S
NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE
SALE OF REAL
PROPERTY UNDER
12 V.S.A. sec 4952 et
seq.**

In accordance with the Judgment Order and Decree of Foreclosure entered October 22, 2019 in the above captioned action brought to foreclose that certain mortgage given by Jeremy Lambert and Elizabeth Lambert to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, dated October 24, 2013 and recorded in Book 313 Page 61 of the land records of the Town of Swanton, of which mortgage the Plaintiff is the present holder, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, dated September 4, 2014 and recorded in Book 320 Page 581 of the land records of the Town of Swanton, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same

will be sold at Public Auction at 165 North River Street, Swanton, Vermont on May 17, 2021 at 10:30 AM all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Jeremy Lambert and Elizabeth Lambert by Warranty Deed of Barbara Quilliam-West, dated October 24, 2013 and to be recorded in the Land Records of the Town of Swanton.

Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Robert C. Chaperon and Barbara A. Chaperon, n/k/a Barbara Quilliam-West, by Warranty Deed of Clyde S. Mercier, Jr., dated April 17, 1990 and recorded April 18, 1990 in Volume 112 at Page 324 of the Land Records of the Town of Swanton.

The interest of Robert C. Chaperon was conveyed to Barbara A. Chaperon (n/k/a Barbara Quilliam-West) by Quit Claim Deed dated November 6, 2002 and recorded November 13, 2002 in Volume 185 at Pages 568-569 of the Land Records of the Town of Swanton.

A Certificate of Name Change from Barbara A. Chaperon to Barbara Quilliam-West, dated October 4, 2010 is of record in Volume 279 at Page 170 of the Land Records of the Town of Swanton.

Being all and the same land and premises conveyed to Clyde S. Mercier, Jr. by Warranty Deed of Richard A. Rushlow and Ruth E. Rushlow, dated June 17, 1963 and recorded the same date in Volume 76 at Page 64 of the Land Records of the Town of Swanton. Being a certain parcel of land with dwelling located on the westerly side of the highway running between Swanton Village and the Missisquoi Bay Bridge, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly owned by Charles A. Cline and

wife in the westerly line of the highway and running southerly along the highway a distance of 125 feet; thence turning an angle and running westerly in a straight line 300 feet; thence turning and running northerly parallel with said highway 125 feet; thence turning and running easterly 300 feet to the point of beginning.

Also included is a membership in the North River Road Water Association of Swanton, Vermont.

To said deed, the records thereof, and to the deeds and records referred to therein, reference is hereby made in further aid of this description. Reference is hereby made to the above instruments and to the records and references contained therein in further aid of this description.

Terms of sale: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

DATED: April 9, 2021

By: /s/ Loraine L. Hite
Loraine L. Hite, Esq.
Bendett and McHugh, PC
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EXHIBIT C

10-DAY NOTICE LETTERS



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ALL AGENCIES ON THE
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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is being sent to you pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50(d), to advise you that New England Central Railroad, Inc. ("NECR") intends to file a notice for exemption for NECR to abandon rail service over the line of railroad described below, by filing a verified notice of exemption pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. Part 1152 Subpart F. NECR expects to file the notice of exemption with the STB on or about February 22, 2022, under STB Docket No. AB 1315X.

NECR will invoke the STB's exemption procedures to abandon service of the line of railroad between approximately Mile Post 0.436 (Railroad Station 23+03) at the south side of Lower Newton Road crossing and extending to Mile Post 0.60 (Railroad Station 31+68). The subject line traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 05478. A map of the subject line is enclosed.

Based upon information in NECR's possession, the subject line does not contain federally granted rights of way. Any documentation in NECR's possession will be made available to those requesting it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Justin J. Marks'.

Justin J. Marks
Counsel to the New England Central Railroad,
Inc.

Enclosure



Advance Notice List under 1152.50

United States Department of the Army Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency ATTN: SDTE-SA (Railroads for National Defense) 1 Soldier Way, Building 1900W Scott AFB, IL 62225	U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service RTCA Program 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240
Office of Chief of Forest Service U.S. Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20250-1111	Mr. Dan Delabruere Rail and Aviation Bureau Director Vermont Agency of Transportation 219 N. Main Street Barre, VT 05641 Daniel.delabruere@vermont.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date a copy of the foregoing Notice of Exemption was served on the persons shown on the attached list by email or first class mail, postage prepaid.

Ms. Vicky Drew, State Conservationist USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Vermont State Office 356 Mountain View Drive, Suite 105 Colchester, VT 05446 Vicky.drew@usda.gov	Environmental Protection Agency New England, Region 1 5 Post office Squire – Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912 r1web.mail@epa.gov
United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Office of the Chief 1400 Independence Ave., SW Room 5105-A Washington, DC 20250	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers New England District Regulatory Office 11 Lincoln Street, Room 210 Essex Junction, Vermont 05452 Michael.S.Adams@usace.army.mil
National Park Service 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240	National Park Service Region 1 1234 Market Street 20th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service North Atlantic-Appalachian Region Regional Director's Office 300 Westgate Center Dr. Hadley, MA 01035-9587 Northeast@fws.gov	National Geodetic Survey ngs.infocenter@noaa.gov
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources One National Life Drive Davis 2 Montpelier, VT 05620-0501 John.Zaikowski@vermont.gov	Mr. Dan Delabruere Rail and Aviation Bureau Director Vermont Agency of Transportation 219 N. Main Street Barre, VT 05641 Daniel.delabruere@vermont.gov

Dominic St Cloud City Manager, City of St Albans P.O. Box 867 100 N. Main Street St Albans, VT 05478 d.cloud@stalbansvt.com	Vermont Division for Historic Preservation One National Life Drive Deane C. Davis Building, 6th Floor Montpelier, VT 05620-0501 Elizabeth Elizabeth.Peebles@vermont.gov
U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service RTCA Program 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240	United States Department of the Army Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency ATTN: SDTE-SA (Railroads for National Defense) 1 Soldier Way, Building 1900W Scott AFB, IL 62225
	Office of Chief of Forest Service U.S. Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20250-1111

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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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Re: New England Central Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – in Franklin County,
VT Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1315X

To Whom it May Concern:

On June 1, 2021 New England Central Railroad, Inc. ("NECR") provided you with an Environmental and Historic Report describing NECR's proposal to abandon a segment of Rail Line and any expected environmental and/or historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

As an addendum to that report, NECR is providing this letter to revise its Description of the Right of Way under Section 2 of the Historic Report. In the original report, NECR states that the "right of way is generally 82.5 feet wide." This letter revises the description of the right of way to be generally 36.5 feet wide. The remaining extra-wide portion of the right-of-way is being disposed by the underlying landowner. The transfer does not disrupt the continuity of the 36.5-foot-wide rail corridor for future rail re-activation or use as a trail.

In addition, NECR is providing you with a courtesy copy of the Notice of Exemption that it filed with the Surface Transportation Board in this docket.

Sincerely,



Justin J. Marks

Enclosure