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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption –
in Cumberland County, ME
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1117 (Sub. No. 1X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket is an environmental and historical report submitted on behalf of St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company ("SLR") for the abandonment of a permanent freight easement in the above referenced docket. The parties on the service list were provided with a copy of this report on February 3, 2024.

Sincerely,

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

Justin J. Marks
Counsel to St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad
Company

Enclosure

Before the
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Docket No. AB 1117 (Sub. No. 1X)

ST. LAWRENCE & ATLANTIC RAILROAD COMPANY
- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION - IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY, ME

ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

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ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company (“SLR” or “Applicant”) will be seeking exemption authority for Applicant to abandon a perpetual freight easement it owns on a 24.3-mile line of railroad approximately located between milepost 1.74 near Deering, ME., and milepost 25.97 at the town line between New Gloucester and Auburn, Cumberland County, ME (the “Subject Line”).

The underlying property is owned by the Maine Department of Transportation (“MaineDOT”) and SLR understands that MaineDOT may convert the right-of-way into a trail.

The Subject Line was discontinued in 2015, and no stations exist on the Subject Line. The Subject Line traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 04101, 04102, 04103, 04104, 04105, 04096, and 04069, entirely in Cumberland County, ME. A map of the Subject Line is attached as Exhibit A.

SLR plans to seek Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) authorization for its abandonment through a notice of exempt abandonment pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR §1152.50 on or after February 24, 2025. This report is being filed in connection therewith, and in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7 and 1105.8. To prepare this report, Applicant consulted with various state and federal agencies as required by the Board’s

regulations. *See* the letters attached as Exhibit B. Based on the written responses received by Applicant to-date attached as Exhibit C, Applicant states as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

(49 CFR 1105.7)

1. PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

The Subject Line is owned by the State of Maine, and SLR owns an exclusive perpetual freight easement.¹ No local service has been provided on the Subject Line since 2015 when SLR received authority to discontinue the line.² SLR will not be salvaging any rail ties or other track materials on the Subject Line because those materials belong to the State of Maine.

2. EFFECTS ON THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Applicant believes that the abandonment would have no effect on the transportation system because there has been no local or overhead service on the Subject Line since 2015, and no traffic will be diverted. Applicant sent a consultation letter regarding the proposed abandonment to MaineDOT. *See Exhibit B.* MaineDOT has not responded to the SLR consultation letter, but SLR is abandoning its perpetual freight easement on the Subject Line at MaineDOT's request.

¹ *State of Maine – Petition for Declaratory Order*, STB Finance Docket No. 35440 (served Dec. 29, 2010)(for the acquisition of milepost 12.163 to milepost 25.97); and *State of Maine – Acquisition Exemption – Certain Assets of St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 35018 (served Sept. 13, 2007)(for the acquisition of milepost 1.74 to milepost 12.163).

² *St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – in Cumberland County, ME* STB Finance Docket No. AB 1117X (served Oct. 15, 2015).

3. LAND USE

(i) Applicant is unaware of any regional or local land use patterns with which the proposed abandonment would be inconsistent. Applicant consulted with the following agencies regarding the proposed abandonment that may be concerned with land use issues: Maine Department of Environmental Protection (“MDEP”), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS - Maine”); Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS – National”); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New England, Region 1 (“EPA”); NOAA National Geodetic Survey (“NGS”); U.S. Bureau of Land Management Eastern States State Office (“BLM”); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Maine Project Office (“ACE”); Cumberland County Board of Commissioners Districts 2, 3, and 5; National Park Service, Region 1 (“NPS – Region 1”); National Park Service (“NPS – National”); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Northeast Region 5 (“FWS”). Copies of these letters are attached as part of Exhibit B.

To date, only the MDEP’s Bureau of Land Resources has responded and stated that it has no concerns related to the proposed abandonment. *See Exhibit C.* MDEP’s Bureau of Land Resources forwarded SLR’s consultation letter to the directors of MDEP’s Bureau of Water Quality, Bureau of Air Quality, and Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management. These agencies have not responded.

(ii) Applicant does not believe that the proposed abandonment will have any adverse effect on any prime agricultural land. Consultation notices were sent to the potentially concerned agencies listed in paragraph 3(i) above, and as indicated, none of these agencies have provided a response.

(iii) Applicant does not believe that the abandonment is inconsistent with any coastal zone plans. A consultation notice was sent to the Maine Coastal Zone Management Program.

Applicant has not received a response from this department.

(iv) Applicant believes that the right of way may be suitable public purposes. SLR understands that MaineDOT may convert segments of the Subject Line to a trail. Legislation has been introduced in the Maine State Senate directing MaineDOT to do so and MaineDOT has multiple studies analyzing whether the Subject Line can be converted into a trail.³

4. ENERGY

Since there has not been any local service on the Subject Line since 2015,

- (i) the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of energy sources;
- (ii) the proposed abandonment will have no effect on recyclable commodities;
- (iii) the proposed abandonment will have no effect on overall energy efficiency; and
- (iv) the proposed abandonment will not divert any traffic from rail to motor carriage.

The effects of the proposed abandonment will not exceed the thresholds set forth in 49 CFR 1105.7(e)(4)(iv).

³ LD 30, SP 47 132 Leg., First Reg. Sess. (Me. 2025) (Directs MaineDOT to convert the Berlin Subdivision “with an interim bicycle and pedestrian trail ... on the existing rail bed.”) *available at* <https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0047&item=1&snum=132> (last visited Jan. 31, 2025); RKG ASSOCIATES ON BEHALF OF MAINE DEPT. OF TRANSP., DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE BERLIN SUBDIVISION RAIL CORRIDOR – STATE OF MAINE (2023) *available at* https://www.maine.gov/mdot/ofps/docs/parac/2023/B-221020_RKG%20Analysis%20FINAL%20appendix.pdf (last visited Jan. 31, 2025); MAINE DEPT. OF TRANSP., FEASIBILITY STUDY, BERLIN SUBDIVISION RAIL CORRIDOR STUDY, PORTLAND TO AUBURN, MAINE 3 (2022) *available at* https://www.maine.gov/mdot/ofps/docs/parac/2023/221216_Berlin-Sub%20Final%20Report_Final-Rev%20Feb%202023.pdf (last visited Jan. 28, 2025).

5. **AIR**

Since there has not been any local service on the Subject Line since 2015, the proposed abandonment will not result in any increases in rail or truck traffic or rail yard activity. The effects of the proposed abandonment will not exceed the thresholds set forth in 49 CFR 1105.7(e)(5).

6. **NOISE**

Applicant does not believe that the proposed abandonment will result in any increase in noise levels.

7. **SAFETY**

Applicant does not believe that the proposed abandonment will have any adverse effect on public health or safety.

8. **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

(i) Applicant has consulted with the FWS, as well as to the following agencies that are potentially concerned with biological resources: MDEP, NCRS – Maine, NCRS – National, BLM, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maine Project Office, NPS – Region 1, NPS – National, FWS. Copies of these consultation letters are attached as part of Exhibit B. Applicant has not received any responses from these agencies.

(ii) Applicant does not believe that there are any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests in the vicinity of the proposed abandonment. Consultation letters were sent to the agencies identified in the paragraph 8(i), and Applicant only received a response from MDEP, Bureau of Land Resources indicating no environmental impact related to the abandonment. *See Exhibit C.*

9. WATER

- (i) The proposed abandonment will be handled in a manner that is consistent with the applicable local, State and Federal water quality standards. Applicant consulted with the agencies identified in paragraph 8(i), and as noted in paragraph 8(i) has not received any responses except from MDEP, Bureau of Land Resources.
- (ii) Applicant sent a consultation letter regarding the proposed abandonment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maine Project Office. A copy of this letter is attached as part of Exhibit B. SLR has not received a response.
- (iii) Applicant does not believe that any Clean Water Act permits will be required in connection with the proposed abandonment or any salvage. Consultation letters were sent to MDEP and EPA. EPA has not responded and MDEP's Bureau of Water Quality has not responded.

10. PROPOSED MITIGATION

Since no adverse environmental impacts are expected, no mitigation is proposed.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR RAIL CONSTRUCTION

Not applicable.

12. CONSULTATION

As shown by the copies of letters attached as Exhibit B, Applicant has consulted with the following agencies: MDEP, NRCS – Maine, NRCS – National, EPA New England, Region 1 NGS, BLM Eastern States State Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Maine Project Office, Cumberland County Board of Commissioners for Districts 2, 3, and 5, NPS – Region 1, NPS – National, FWS.

As mentioned above, only MDEP's Bureau of Land Resources responded.

13. CERTIFICATIONS

Applicant certifies that:

- (a) It consulted with the agencies listed in 49 CFR 1105.7, as described in paragraph 12 above.
- (b) On this date, it sent copies of this report to each of the agencies consulted as shown on the attached certificate of service.
- (c) Notice of the proposed abandonment was published in the *Portland Press Herald*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cumberland County, Maine on January 29, 2025, in the form prescribed by the Board for abandonment notices of exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12. A copy of the form of notice and the proof of publication are attached as Exhibit D.
- (d) Applicant will not file its verified notice of abandonment until at least twenty (20) days after the consulted agencies have been served with a copy of this report.

HISTORIC REPORT (49 CFR 1105.8)

1. U.S.G.S TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

U.S.G.S. topographic maps showing the location of the proposed abandonment are attached as Exhibit E.

2. DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY

SLR intends to abandon a perpetual freight easement on a line of railroad it owns that extends between milepost 1.74 near Deering, ME., and milepost 25.97 at the town line between New Gloucester and Auburn, ME (the “Subject Line”). The underlying property is owned by the Maine Department of Transportation (“MaineDOT”). The Subject Line was discontinued in 2015. No stations exist on the Subject Line.

The Subject Line is situated in Cumberland County, ME. Cumberland County is an urban/suburban county with approximately 303,069 residents, it is Maine’s largest county and home to Maine’s largest city, Portland. The right of way of the Subject Line is generally 60-99 feet wide.⁴

3. PHOTOGRAPHS OF HISTORIC STRUCTURE(S)

SLR has not analyzed whether any structures 50 years old or older exist on the right-of-way of the Subject Line. SLR discontinued the Subject Line in 2015, and it remains under the ownership of MaineDOT. SLR provided notice of the proposed abandonment to the State Historic Preservation Officer of Maine (“SHPO”) and the SHPO stated that the abandonment

⁴ MAINE DEPT. OF TRANSP., FEASIBILITY STUDY, BERLIN SUBDIVISION RAIL CORRIDOR STUDY, PORTLAND TO AUBURN, MAINE 3 (2022) available at https://www.maine.gov/mdot/ofps/docs/parac/2023/221216_Berlin-Sub%20Final%20Report_Final-Rev%20Feb%202023.pdf (last visited Jan. 28, 2025).

will not adversely affect historic properties. *Supra* Section 7. For this reason, no photographs are included herein.

4. DATES OF CONSTRUCTION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURE(S)

As noted above, SLR has not analyzed whether any structures 50 years old or older exist on the right-of-way of the Subject Line and therefore does not know if any historic structures exist on the Subject Line.

5. HISTORY OF CARRIER OPERATIONS IN THE AREA

SLR acquired the Subject Line in 1988 from the Canadian National Railway Company.⁵ In 2007 and then in 2010, MDOT acquired the physical assets and underlying right-of-way of the Subject Line, but SLR retained a perpetual freight easement to conduct freight operations.⁶ In 2015, SLR discontinued freight operations on the Subject Line.⁷

6. SUMMARY OF STRUCTURE DOCUMENTATION

As noted above, SLR has not analyzed whether any structures 50 years old or older exist on the right-of-way of the Subject Line and therefore does not have a summary of structure documentation.

⁵ *St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company – Acquisition and Operation Exemption – Certain Rail Lines of Canadian National Railway Company*, ICC Finance Docket No. 31331, 1988 WL 224805, (served Oct. 6, 1988).

⁶ *State of Maine – Petition for Declaratory Order*, STB Finance Docket No. 35440 (served Dec. 29, 2010)(for the acquisition of milepost 12.163 to milepost 25.97); and *State of Maine – Acquisition Exemption – Certain Assets of St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 35018 (served Sept. 13, 2007)(for the acquisition of milepost 1.74 to milepost 12.163).

⁷ *St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – in Cumberland County, ME* STB Finance Docket No. AB 1117X (served Oct. 15, 2015).

7. OPINION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR LISTING

Applicant has given notice of the proposed abandonment to the State Historic Preservation Officer of Maine (“SHPO”). The SHPO responded to SLR’s notice via a letter stamped January 23, 2025, stating, “[a]s proposed, the project will not adversely affect historic properties. Pursuant to 800.5(c), if no consulting parties object to this finding within the 30-day review period, the project may proceed, as proposed, unless resources are discovered during project implementation pursuant to 800.13.” Copies of these letters are included as part of Exhibit F.

Based on the SHPO’s January 23, 2025, letter, SLR does not believe the Subject Line represents an historical resource or that any protective conditions are warranted.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Applicant is unaware of any prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, or environmental conditions which might affect the archeological recovery of resources or the surrounding terrain. Because MaineDOT owns the track, SLR will not be conducting any salvage work on the rail line.

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Dated: February 3, 2025

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 3rd of February, 2025, I served a copy of the foregoing Environmental and Historic Report on the persons listed below by email or first class mail, postage prepaid:

Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station August, ME 04333	Natural Resources Conservation Service USDA Office of the Chief 1400 Independence Ave., SW Room 5105-A Washington, DC 20250
Kirk F. Mohny, Director Maine Historic Preservation Commission 65 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 MHPCprojectreview@maine.gov	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New England, Region 1 5 Post Office Square - Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912
Nathan Moulton Director, Office of Freight and Business Logistics Maine Department of Transportation Nathan.moulton@maine.gov	The Natural Resources Conservation Service USDA 967 Illinois Ave Bangor, ME 04401-2700
Maine Coastal Zone Management 32 Blossom Lane 21 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333	U.S. Bureau of Land Management Eastern States State Office 5275 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22041
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Northeast, Region 5 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Maine Project Office 442 Civic Center Drive, Suite 350 Augusta, ME 04330
National Park Service 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240	National Park Service Regional Office Region 1 1234 Market Street 20th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107
Cumberland County Commissioner District 3	The National Geodetic Survey

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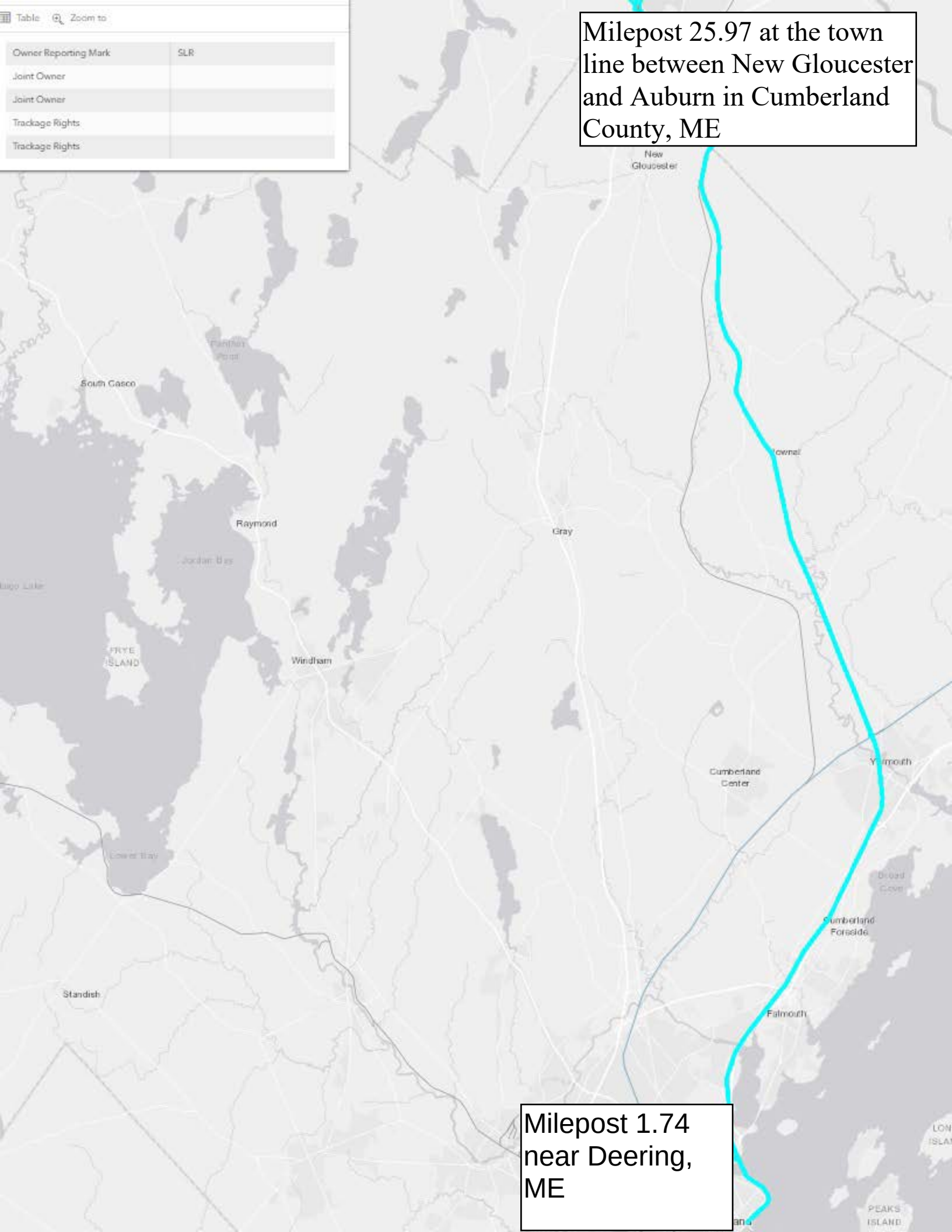
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EXHIBIT A

MAP

Table	Zoom to
Owner Reporting Mark	SLR
Joint Owner	
Joint Owner	
Trackage Rights	
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Milepost 25.97 at the town line between New Gloucester and Auburn in Cumberland County, ME



Milepost 1.74 near Deering, ME

EXHIBIT B

CONSULTATION LETTERS

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December 23, 2024

All Agencies on the Attached Service List

Re: St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption –
in Cumberland County, ME
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1117 (Sub. No. 1X)

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to advise you that the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company ("SLC") intends to file for the abandonment of a segment of its line between milepost 1.74 near Deering, ME., and milepost 25.97 at the town line between New Gloucester and Auburn, Cumberland County, ME (the "Subject Line") extending approximately 24.23 miles. SLC is proposing to abandon the perpetual freight easement it owns over the Subject Line; the underlying property is owned by the Maine Department of Transportation ("MDOT").

The Subject Line was discontinued in 2015.¹ A map of the Subject Line is enclosed. The Subject Line traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 04101, 04102, 04103, 04104, 04105, 04096, and 04069 entirely in Cumberland County, ME.

SLC plans to seek Surface Transportation Board ("STB") authorization for its abandonment of the Subject Line through a notice of exempt abandonment pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR § 1152.50 on or after February 13, 2025, in Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1117 (Sub. No. 1X).

Based upon information in SLC's possession, the Subject Line does not contain federally granted rights of way; the owner of the underlying property, MDOT, may have additional information. Any documentation in SLC's possession related to federal granted rights of way will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

No local service has been provided on the Subject Line for over nine years. SLC does not believe that there are any alternatives to the proposed action. SLC believes that the abandonment will not have a significant effect upon the environmental resources.

In advance of preparing an environmental and historical report as required by applicable STB regulations, we are consulting with appropriate agencies such as yours as to any

¹ *St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – in Cumberland County, ME* STB Finance Docket No. AB 1117X (served Oct. 15, 2015).

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concerns which they may have as to any effects of the proposed abandonment on the environment.

We would appreciate an expression from you by January 24, 2025 that, within the area of your authority, you do not perceive that the abandonment will have a significant effect upon the environment (or expressing any concerns that you have). If you have any questions about the railroad's proposal or if you need assistance in this matter, please call me at (202) 772-0916.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

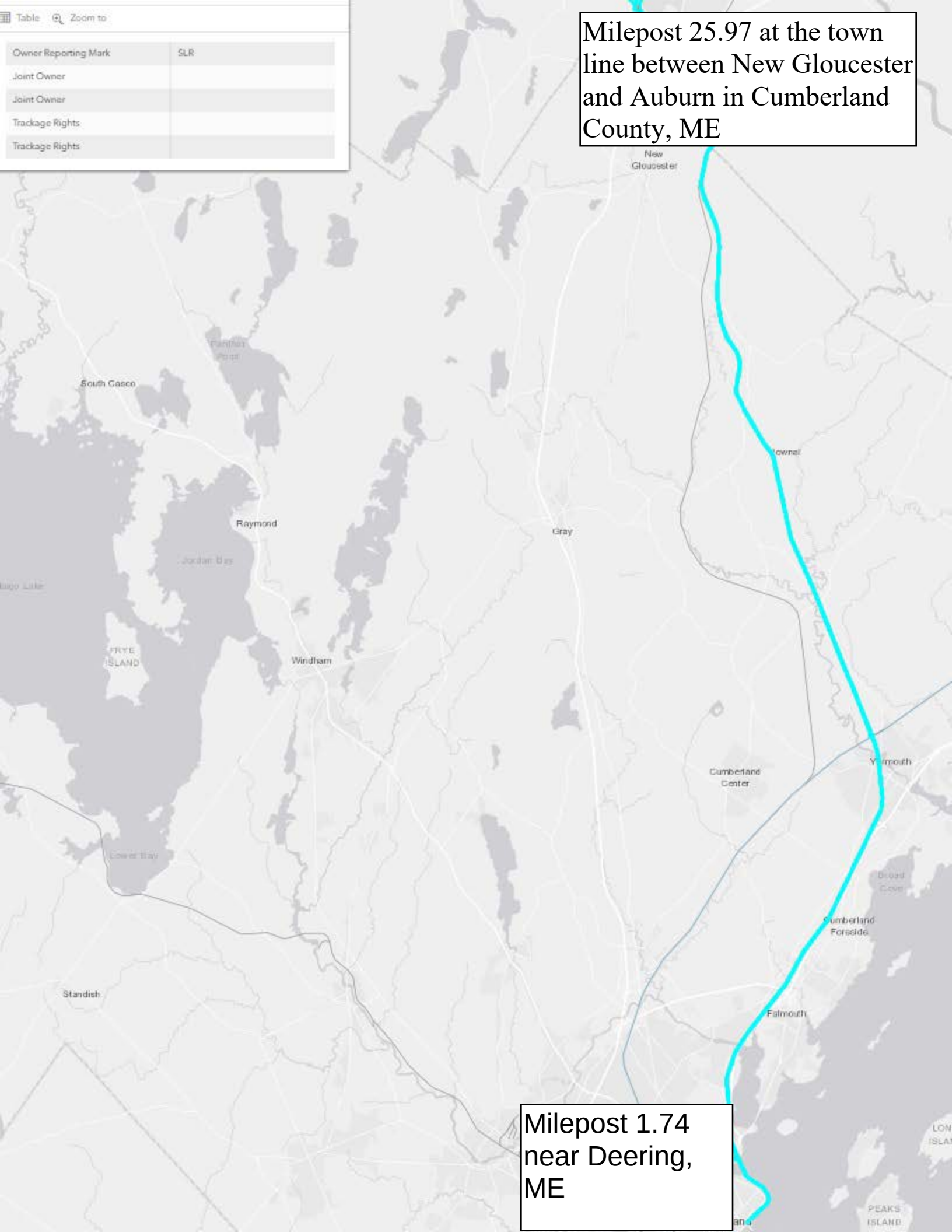


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EXHIBIT C

AGENCY RESPONSES

EXHIBIT D

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

Portland Press Herald

Maine Sunday Telegram

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON RAIL SERVICE

St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company ("SLC") issues this notice that on or about February 24, 2025, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board), Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F - *Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights* permitting SLC to abandon its perpetual freight easement and service over approximately 24.23 miles of the line of railroad between milepost 1.74 and milepost 25.97 (the "Line"), which traverses through United States Postal Zip Codes 04101, 04102, 04103, 04104, 04105, 04096, and 04069 entirely in Cumberland County, ME. The underlying property is owned by the Maine Department of Transportation. The SLC proceeding will be docketed as STB Docket No. AB-1117 (Sub. No. 1X).

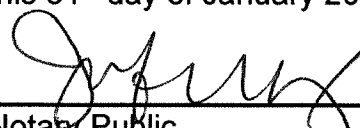
The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available 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 202-245-0454.

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 offers of financial assistance to subsidize rail service) must be filed directly with the STB's Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, 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 applicant's representative [see 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the STB'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 SLC's representative: Justin J. Marks, Clark Hill PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004; jmarks@clarkhill.com; 202-772-0916.

I, Joan M. Jensen, Legal Advertising Representative of the Portland Press Herald and Maine Sunday Telegram newspapers of Portland, Maine, do hereby certify that the attached advertisement appeared in the January 29, 2025 edition of the Portland Press Herald.


Legal Advertising Representative

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 31st day of January 2025


Notary Public

My commission expires 11/08/2031

JENNIFER G. YOUNG
Notary Public
State of Maine
My Commission Expires Nov 8, 2031

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notices

Public Notices are a permanent and independent record of government and court actions. These include state and local government meetings, rule making, available contracts, zoning changes, and many more, as required by law. In addition, parties to some court proceedings, such as foreclosures, probate, and estate actions are required to publish notices to ensure notification of affected parties, as well as the general public. These notices also alert business owners, large and small, to potential government contractual jobs, helping to ensure economic activity across a level playing field. Public notices have existed to ensure transparency in all levels of government since the founding of the United States.

State and local notices are published in Maine newspapers and are also recorded at mainenotices.com, where anyone can browse or search notices, and sign up to receive email alerts when relevant notices appear.

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE In the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska

TO: John Mushabe whose whereabouts are unknown and upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had, Defendant in said proceedings;
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on the 12th day of December, 2024, Robert Spooner as Plaintiff, filed an Amended Complaint against you in the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, Case # CJ 24-3979, alleging that on or about December 25, 2023 Defendant, John Mushabe crashed into Plaintiff on I-80 in York County, NE near the town of Henderson. You are further notified that you are required to answer said Amended Complaint against you on or before the 28th day of February, 2025, which is 30 days following the date of last publication of this notice, or said Complaint will be taken as true and judgement will be rendered accordingly.
Robert Spooner, Plaintiff
By: /s/ Christopher P. Welsh
WELSH & WELSH P.C. LLC
9290 West Dodge Road
204 The Mark
Omaha, NE 68114

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE Traffic Movement Permit

Please take notice that UGM Development, LLC is intending to file a Traffic Movement Permit application with the Maine Department of Transportation pursuant to the provisions of 23 M.R.S.A. § 704 - A on or about January 24, 2025. The application is for Construction of a new Chick-Fil-A Restaurant within an existing parking lot of the Maine Mall of the Chick-Fil-A would include an approximate 5,198+ square foot (sf) restaurant building, and would provide two drive-through lanes. The proposed project is expected to generate the following peak hour trips:
Weekday PM Peak Hour of Site = 289
Saturday Peak Hour = 413
at the following location: 390 Gorham Road, South Portland, Maine 04106
Any interested party may request in writing to participate in the MainedOT scoping meeting for the subject project no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. Requests shall be sent to the State Traffic Engineer, 16 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. Public comments on the application pertaining to either congestion or safety will be accepted throughout the processing of the application. The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Transportation Region office (Scarborough, Augusta, Wilton, Bangor or Presque Isle) during normal working hours. Addresses may be found at the following website: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/about/regions/> A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in South Portland, Maine. Written public comments concerning congestion or safety only, may be sent to the Department of Transportation, State Traffic Engineer, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333.

Public Notice

Notice of Public Hearing City of Portland

A Public Hearing will be held on February 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM., in City Council Chambers, 389 Congress St. for approval of Diligence LLC, dba Cargo Pizza. Application for Class III & IV with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 1045 Forest Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered January 9, 2024 and further affected by an Order dated December 18, 2025 extending the period to commence publication of the notice of sale by an additional 90 days therefrom in the action entitled **Nationstar Mortgage LLC v. Pamela C. Jones**, by the York County Superior Court, Docket No. ALFSC-RE-17-78, wherefor the Court adjudged the foreclosure of a mortgage granted by Pamela C. Jones to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, its successor and assigns dated October 7, 2011 and recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds in Book 16179, Page 83, the period of redemption having expired, a public sale of the property described in the mortgage will be conducted on **Tuesday, February 25, 2025, commencing at 10:30 AM, 707 Sable Oaks Dr., South Portland, ME 04106 on the front steps of the building in front of the flag pole.** The property is located at 9 Brown Street, Kennebunk, Maine. The sale will be by public auction. All bidders for the property will be required to make a deposit of \$5,000.00 by certified or bank check at the time of the public sale made payable to Korde & Associates, P.C., which deposit is non-refundable as to the highest bidder. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the public sale. In the event a representative of the mortgagee is not present at the time and place stated in this notice, no sale shall be deemed to have occurred and all rights to reschedule a subsequent sale are reserved. Additional terms will be announced at the public sale. Korde & Associates, P.C., 707 Sable Oaks Dr., Suite 250, South Portland, Maine 04106, (207) 775-6223. Updates may be found

at: <http://www.logs.com/me-sales-report.html>. 16-024167

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the United States District Court, District of Maine on October 2, 2024, in Civil Action, Docket No. 2:22-cv-00412-LEW brought by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Holders of SASCO 2007-MLN1 against James C. Dodge for the foreclosure of a mortgage recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Book 24382, Page 326, the statutory ninety (90) day period of redemption having expired without redemption, notice is hereby given that there will be a public sale on February 19, 2025 at 04:00 PM at The Kittery Community Center, 120 Rogers Road, Kittery, ME 03904 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage and being a certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the town of Windham, County of Cumberland, and State of Maine, described in said mortgage as being located at 58 Lower Beach Road.

TERMS OF SALE

The property will be sold to the highest bidder at the sale, who shall pay a deposit of Ten Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) in cash, certified check or funds acceptable to mortgagee at the time and place of sale. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with said Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Holders of SASCO 2007-MLN1 as aforesaid, which will then deliver a duly executed quitclaim deed. The sale shall be made subject to: (a) any condition which a title search would

reveal, (b) any unpaid taxes or assessments due to the Municipality of Windham, and (c) any facts which an accurate survey of the premises might show. The property shall be sold "as is" and whereis without any warranties whatsoever expressed, implied or otherwise. Other terms will be announced at the sale.
Reneau J. Longoria, Esq., Bar No. 005746
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Public Notice

The Scarborough Town Council will conduct a public hearing and second reading on

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON RAIL SERVICE

St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company ("SLC") issues this notice that on or about February 24, 2025, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board), Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F - *Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights* permitting SLC to abandon its perpetual freight easement and service over approximately 24.23 miles of the line of railroad between milepost 1.74 and milepost 25.97 (the "Line"), which traverses through United States Postal Zip Codes 04101, 04102, 04103, 04104, 04105, 04096, and 04069 entirely in Cumberland County, ME. The underlying property is owned by the Maine Department of Transportation. The SLC proceeding will be docketed as STB Docket No. AB-1177 (Sub. No. 1X).

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 202-245-0454.

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 offers of financial assistance to subsidize rail service) must be filed directly with the STB's Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, 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 applicant's representative [see 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the STB'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 SLC's representative: Justin J. Marks, Clark Hill PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004; jmarks@clarkhill.com; 202-772-0916.

Shellfish Conservation Ordinance
Yolande P. Justice
Clerk to the Council

Public Notice

The Scarborough Town Council will conduct a public hearing and second reading on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Scarborough Municipal Building, located at 259 U.S. Route One, to receive public comments, both written and oral, on the proposed amendments to Chapter 1401 - the Town of Scarborough

Coastal Waters & Harbor Ordinance
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Clerk to the Council

Public Notice

TOWN OF HOLLIS PUBLIC NOTICE: The Hollis Planning Board is holding two (2) Public Hearings on **Wednesday, 12 February 2025 at 7pm and Wednesday, 26 February 2025 at 7pm** at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042 regarding proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Hollis, Maine and the Floodplain Management

Ordinance for the Town of Hollis, Maine. The Public is welcome to attend. The proposed amendments are available for viewing at the Hollis Town Hall, 34 Town Farm Road and on the Town's website www.hollismaine.org. Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to their Secretary prior to the hearings at: planningboard@hollismaine.org; submitted in person at Hollis Town Hall during regular business hours, or mailed to: Hollis Planning Board, 34 Town Farm Road, Hollis, ME 04042. Gregg McPherson, Chair, Hollis Planning Board

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Legal Notice Certificate of Need

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Licensing and Certification announces that an application for a Certificate of Need has been received. An expanded review of the application will be conducted by representatives of the Department from the Health Care Compliance and Operations Program in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Certificate of Need Act, as amended (22 MRSA, chapter 103-A).

Applicant: MaineHealth
110 Free Street
Portland, ME 04112

Proposal: Increase in Ambulatory Surgical Capacity

Description of Proposal: Construction of a new ambulatory surgical center to be located on the Scarborough/South Portland town line. The facility will consist of four operating rooms and two procedure rooms. The facility is expected to serve MaineHealth's existing patients in its Southern Region (York and Cumberland counties) and would focus exclusively on orthopedic care. The capital costs associated with this project are projected to be \$22,452,384.

Subject to Review under M.R.S.A. §329 (1).

Any person may examine all or part of the public record relating to this application and purchase copies of any or all of that record during the normal business hours of the department. Any person may submit comments or additional information in writing to the Department regarding the application at any time from the date of publication of this notice until the application process is closed for comment. Comments and additional information should be sent to the address below. This comment period will be for no less than 30 days.

The Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee, will hold a public hearing if any person directly affected by a review requests, in writing, that such a public hearing be held, and the request is received no later than 15 days following the publication of this notice pursuant to section 339, subsection 2. Requests to hold a public hearing should be sent to the address below.

As soon as practicable, once the public comment period closes, the department staff shall provide the preliminary analyses of the application and the record to the applicant, the Commissioner and any person who requests a copy of the analyses and record. Notice of the availability of the analyses will be published in a newspaper in general circulation in Cumberland County, where the project is located. It will also be posted to the department's publicly accessible site on the Internet.

Additional information concerning this proposal and the expanded review process, and the expanded review schedule may be obtained by contacting DHHS, Division of Licensing and Certification. All comments, questions or inquiries should be directed to: Division of Licensing and Certification, Attn: Richard Lawrence, Health Care Compliance and Operations, 41 Anthony Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04333-0011 (Tel: 287-9300; FAX 287-5815).

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NOTICE OF STATE RULEMAKING January 29, 2025

PUBLIC INPUT FOR RULES A list of state agency rule proposals is published here each Wednesday. You can get a copy of a proposed rule by contacting the person listed in the notice. You can comment on a proposed rule by submitting a written comment to the agency or by attending the public hearing, if one is scheduled. If no hearing is scheduled, you can request one. The agency must hold a hearing if it receives 5 or more requests. If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in a hearing you should tell the agency at least 7 days before the hearing. **ONLINE INFORMATION** Weekly notices, full text of adopted rules, and a list of agency rulemaking contacts are available at this website: <https://www.maine.gov/sos/ced/rules/index.html>

PROPOSALS

AGENCY: 18-125 Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS), Maine Revenue Services (MRS)

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 801, Apportionment

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSAL TRACKING NUMBER (formerly, "PROPOSED RULE NUMBER"): 2024-P320

BRIEF SUMMARY: MRS is proposing to amend Rule 801 ("Apportionment") to clarify the sourcing of receipts from the performance of services, including providing an initial set of examples to illustrate sourcing as applied to certain services. For purposes of applying a variation to apportionment, the rule clarifies the definition of compensation with respect to the use of the payroll factor by specifying that 85% of payments made to an employee-leasing company for leased employees and 100% of payments made to a temporary service company for temporary employees are included as compensation. Other formatting and technical changes are made throughout to enhance clarity.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Date: February 19, 2025

Time: 11am – 1pm

Location: Maine Revenue Services, 51 Commerce Drive, Augusta ME 04330

Snow Date If State Offices closed: February 20, 2025 (same time and location) **Virtual Attendance:** https://mainestate.zoom.us/join/register/WN_al-CMDZQTV-czh1V3xvcTw

COMMENT DEADLINE: March 3, 2025

CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING: Alex Weber, Office of General Counsel, Maine Revenue Services, 24 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0024, (207) 624-9712, alexander.j.weber@maine.gov

CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT (if different): N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES (if any): N/A

AGENCY: 05-071 Department of Education

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 83, School Transportation Operations Program

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSAL TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-P004

BRIEF SUMMARY: Maine Department of Education will no longer be able to support the contract for bus routing software through Transfinder. This rule change would repeal Ch. 83 to eliminate this program. As a result, the funds that were previously allocated for the routing software will now be redistributed to schools based on the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) funding formula. This redistribution will be reflected as an allocation of funding in school administrative units' general budgets. Please note that the funds will not be specifically designated for routing software, but rather as part of the overall cost of education and will be part of the transportation allocation. The Department has determined this to be a more equitable distribution of funding so that all SAUs may benefit.

PUBLIC HEARING (if any): N/A

COMMENT DEADLINE: March 5, 2025; 5 pm

CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING: AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Laura Cyr

AGENCY NAME: Department of Education

ADDRESS: 23 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333

TELEPHONE: 207-446-8791

CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT (if different): Same

FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES (if any): The fiscal impact for SAUs is indeterminate due to the size of the district, number of students, number of buses, and various accessories the SAU may elect to add to their software purchase. For SAUs which previously received the subsidy, the impact may be between \$8000-\$23,000.

AGENCY: 12-179 Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 11, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Worker Walkaround Representative Designation

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSAL TRACKING NUMBER: 2025-P005

BRIEF SUMMARY: The purpose of this Chapter is to clarify who may participate in walkaround inspections as an "employee representative," and, at a minimum, conform to Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration 29 CFR Part 1903.8 revised as of May 31, 2024, requirements.

PUBLIC HEARING (if any): None, unless requested pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 8052(1).

COMMENT DEADLINE: Monday, March 3, 2025

CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING: Isaac H. Gingras

Department of Labor

54 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0054

207-626-6232

Isaac.H.Gingras@maine.gov

CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT (if different): N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES (if any): N/A

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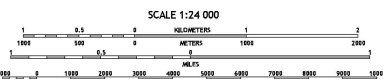
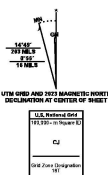


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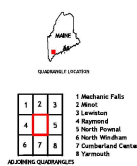


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Expressway
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US Route
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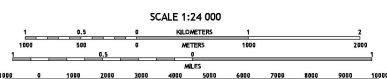
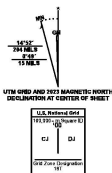
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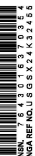
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7 Farmington
8 Bangor

ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Expressway	Local Connector
Secondary Hwy	Local Road
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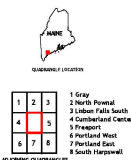
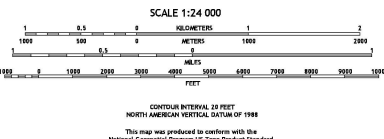
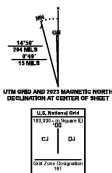


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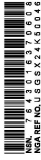
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Expressway
- Secondary Hwy
- Road
- Interstate Route
- US Route
- Local Connector
- Local Road
- State Route

YARMOUTH, ME
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MAINE - CUMBERLAND COUNTY
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Interstate Route US Route State Route

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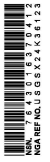


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December 23, 2024

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Re: St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption –
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In advance of preparing an environmental and historical report as required by applicable STB regulations, we are consulting with appropriate agencies such as yours as to any concerns which they may have as to any effects of the proposed abandonment on the environment or historical resources.

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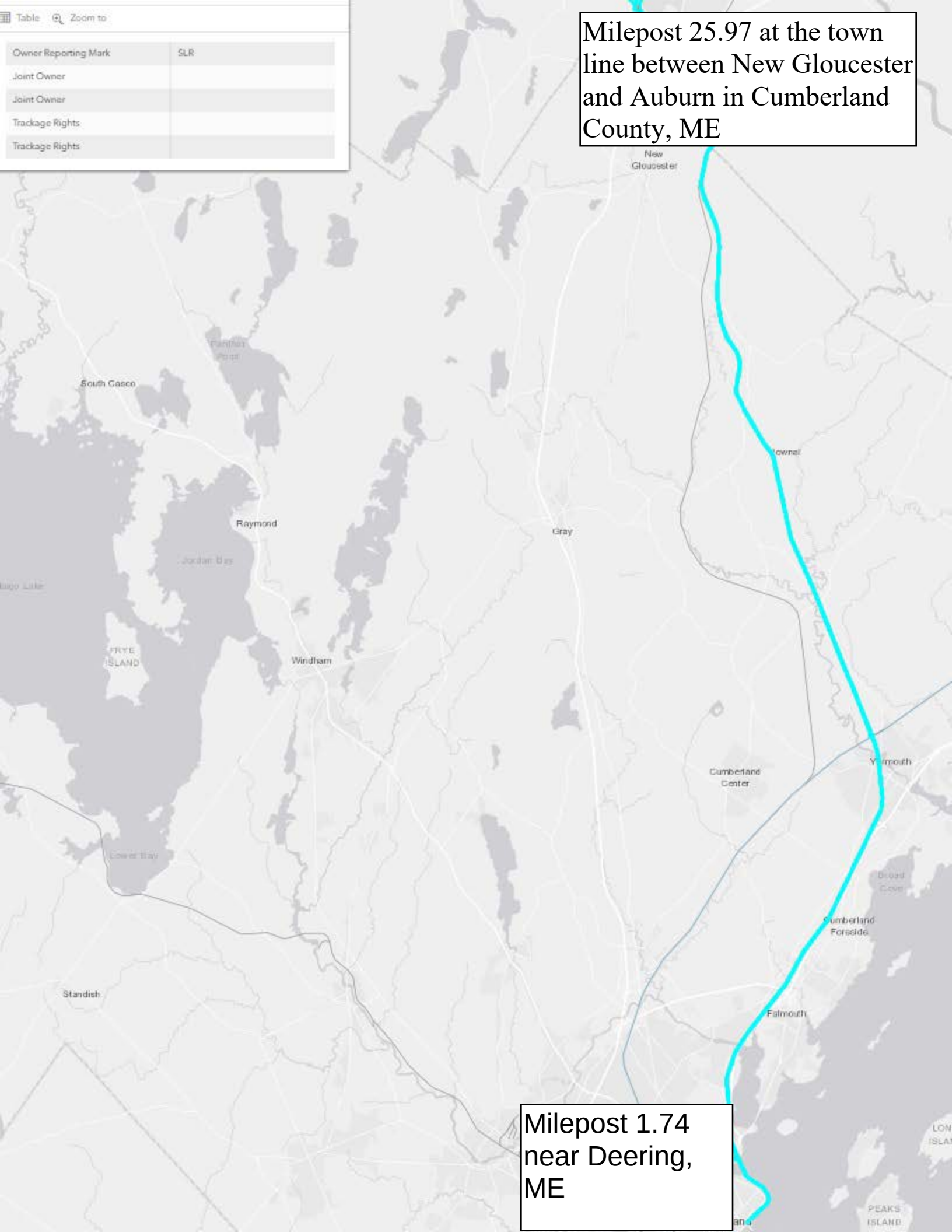


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Enclosure

Table	Zoom to
Owner Reporting Mark	SLR
Joint Owner	
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Milepost 25.97 at the town line between New Gloucester and Auburn in Cumberland County, ME



Milepost 1.74 near Deering, ME



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As proposed, the project will not adversely affect historic properties. Pursuant to 800.5 (c), if no consulting parties object to this finding within the 30-day review period, the project may proceed, as proposed, unless resources are discovered during project implementation pursuant to 800.13.



State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 1/23/25