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February 17, 2025

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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 a revised environmental and historical report submitted on behalf of St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company ("SLR") to replace the report submitted by SLR on February 4, 2025.

If you have any questions related to this filing, please feel free to contact me.

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

REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

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REVISED 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 24.23-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”).

SLR previously provided a copy of this report on February 3, 2025, to the Board and the consulted agencies, but is resubmitting and re-serving it to update the United States Postal Service ZIP Codes that the Subject Line traverses through. The zip codes are: 04101, 04103, 04105, 04021, 04096, 04097, 04069, and 04260, entirely in Cumberland County, ME.

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. 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 March 10, 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

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).

consultation letter, but SLR is abandoning its perpetual freight easement on the Subject Line at MaineDOT's request.

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 and this report was sent to the Maine Coastal Zone Management Program.

(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%203%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 except the MDEP, Bureau of Land Resources.

(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 revised report to each of the agencies consulted as shown on the attached certificate of service.
- (c) Notice of the proposed abandonment is scheduled to be re-published in the *Portland Press Harold*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cumberland County, Maine on February 19, 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 is attached as Exhibit D and proof of publication will be included with Applicant's Notice of Exemption.
- (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 revised 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 17, 2025

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 17rd 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 Joshua.biermann@maine.gov	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 Erin.wilson@maine.gov	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 Stephen F. Gorden gorden@cumberlandcounty.org	The National Geodetic Survey Communications and Outreach Branch, ngs.infocenter@noaa.gov rrae@noaa.gov
Cumberland County Commissioner District 2 Susan E. Witonis witonis@cumberlandcounty.org	Cumberland County Commissioner District 5 James F. Cloutier cloutier@cumberlandcounty.org



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EXHIBIT A

MAP



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,

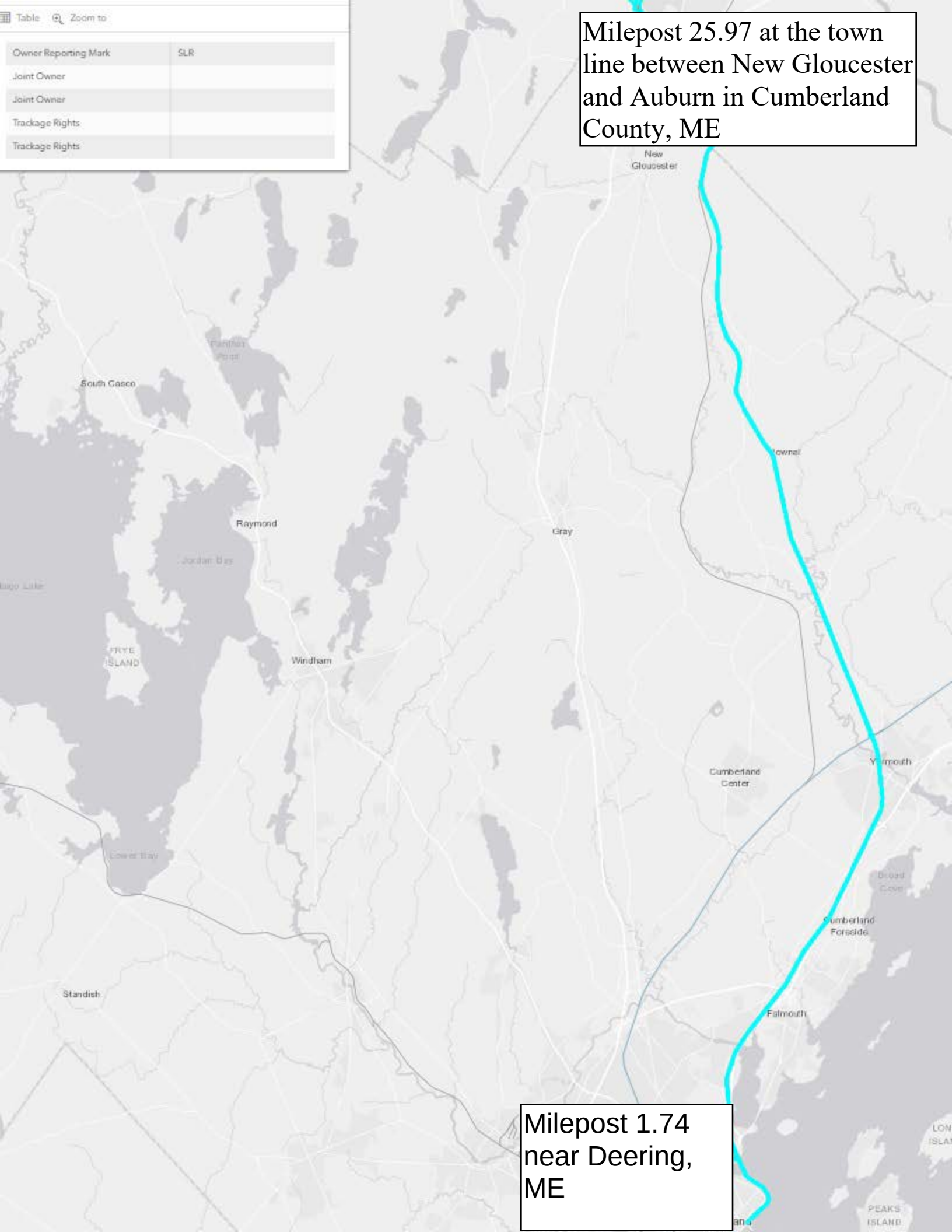


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Company

Enclosure

Table	Zoom to
Owner Reporting Mark	SLR
Joint Owner	
Joint Owner	
Trackage Rights	
Trackage Rights	

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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EXHIBIT C

AGENCY RESPONSES

Marks, Justin J.

From: Wood, Robert <Robert.Wood@maine.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2025 8:25 AM
To: Marks, Justin J.
Cc: Damon, Jessica; Stebbins, Mark N
Subject: Response to Dec. 23 letter
Attachments: Clark-Hill-Ltr_St-Lawrence-Atlantic-Railroad-Co-Abandonment-Exemption.pdf

[External Message]

Mr. Marks,

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is in receipt of your attached letter. The DEP's Bureau of Land Resources does not have any concerns about the proposed abandonment within our area of jurisdiction, which includes (but is not limited to) the Natural Resources Protection Act, the Stormwater Management Law, and the Site Location of Development Law. I have forwarded your letter to the directors of the DEP's Bureau of Water Quality, Bureau of Air Quality, and Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management, so you may hear separately from them.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Rob Wood



Rob Wood (he/him)
Director, Bureau of Land Resources
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333
Tel: 207-855-8361

EXHIBIT D

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

REVISED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON RAIL SERVICE

St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company (“SLR”) issues this revised notice that on or about March 6, 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 SLR 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, 04103, 04105, 04021, 04096, 04097, 04069, and 04260 entirely in Cumberland County, ME. The underlying property is owned by the Maine Department of Transportation. The SLR 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 SLR'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.

EXHIBIT E

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

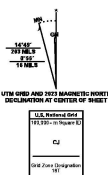


GRAY QUADRANGLE
MAINE
7.5-MINUTE SERIES



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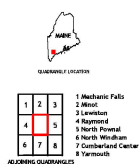
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Expressway Local Connector
Secondary Hwy Local Road
Bypass
Interstate Route US Route State Route

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7 Cumberland Center
8 Yarmouth

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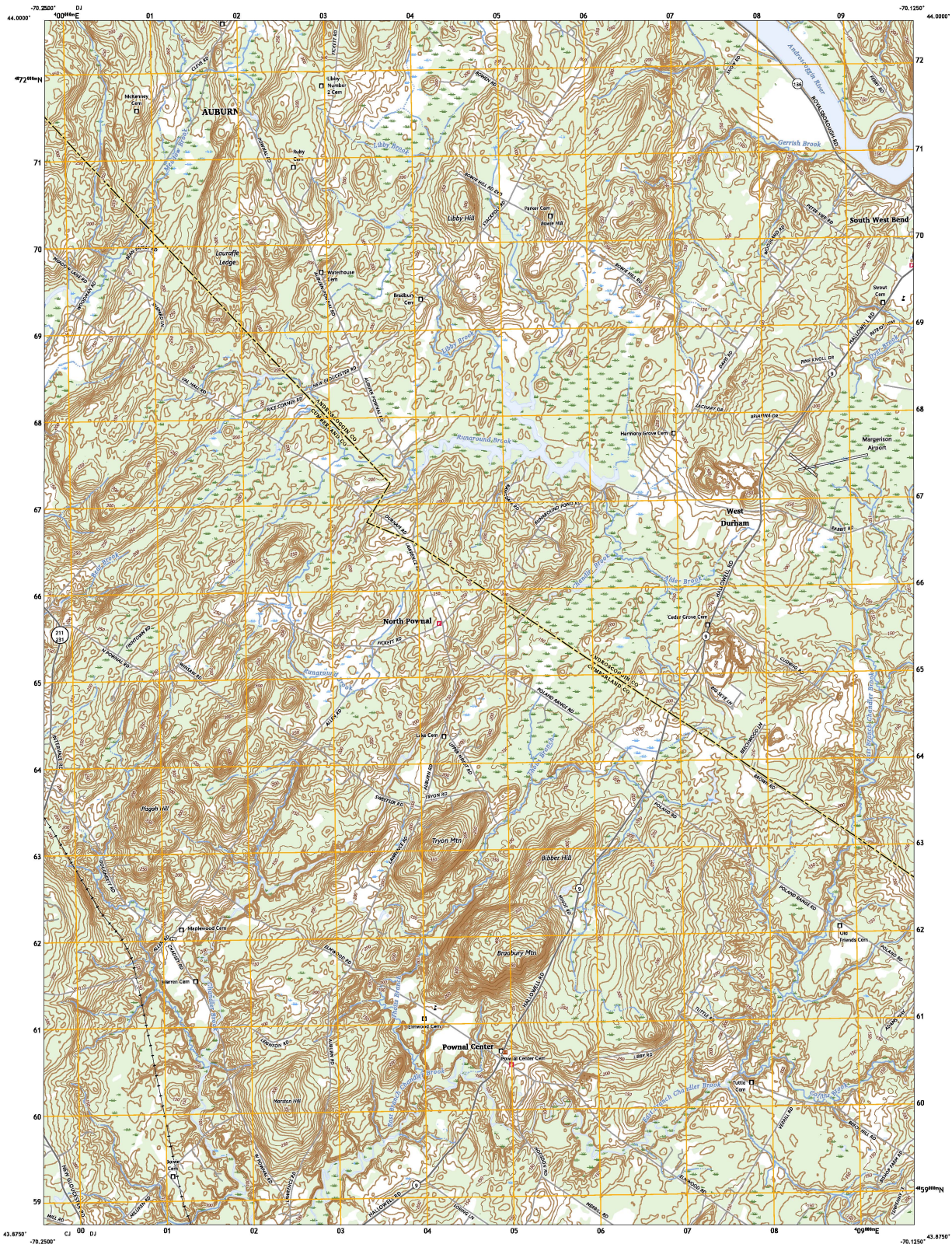




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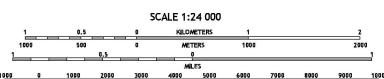
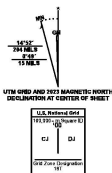
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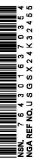
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ALBANY QUADRANGLE

1 Mount
2 Lewiston
3 Litchfield North
4 Gray
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6 Cumberland Center
7 Farmington
8 Bangor

ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Expressway	Local Connector
Secondary Hwy	Local Road
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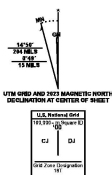


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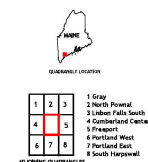


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Local Road
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US Route
State Route
Local Connector
Local Road
Bypass
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State Route

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PORTLAND WEST QUADRANGLE
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1 North Woodburn
2 Cumberland Center
3 Falmouth
4 Gorham
5 Portland East
6 Old Orchard Beach
7 Falmouth
8 Cape Elizabeth

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Expressway
Secondary Hwy
Ramp
Local Connector
Local Road
US Route
State Route

PORTLAND WEST, ME
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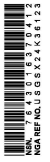


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Re: St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption –
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Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1117 (Sub. No. 1X)

Dear Mr. Mohny:

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.

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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.

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

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 any historical resources (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.

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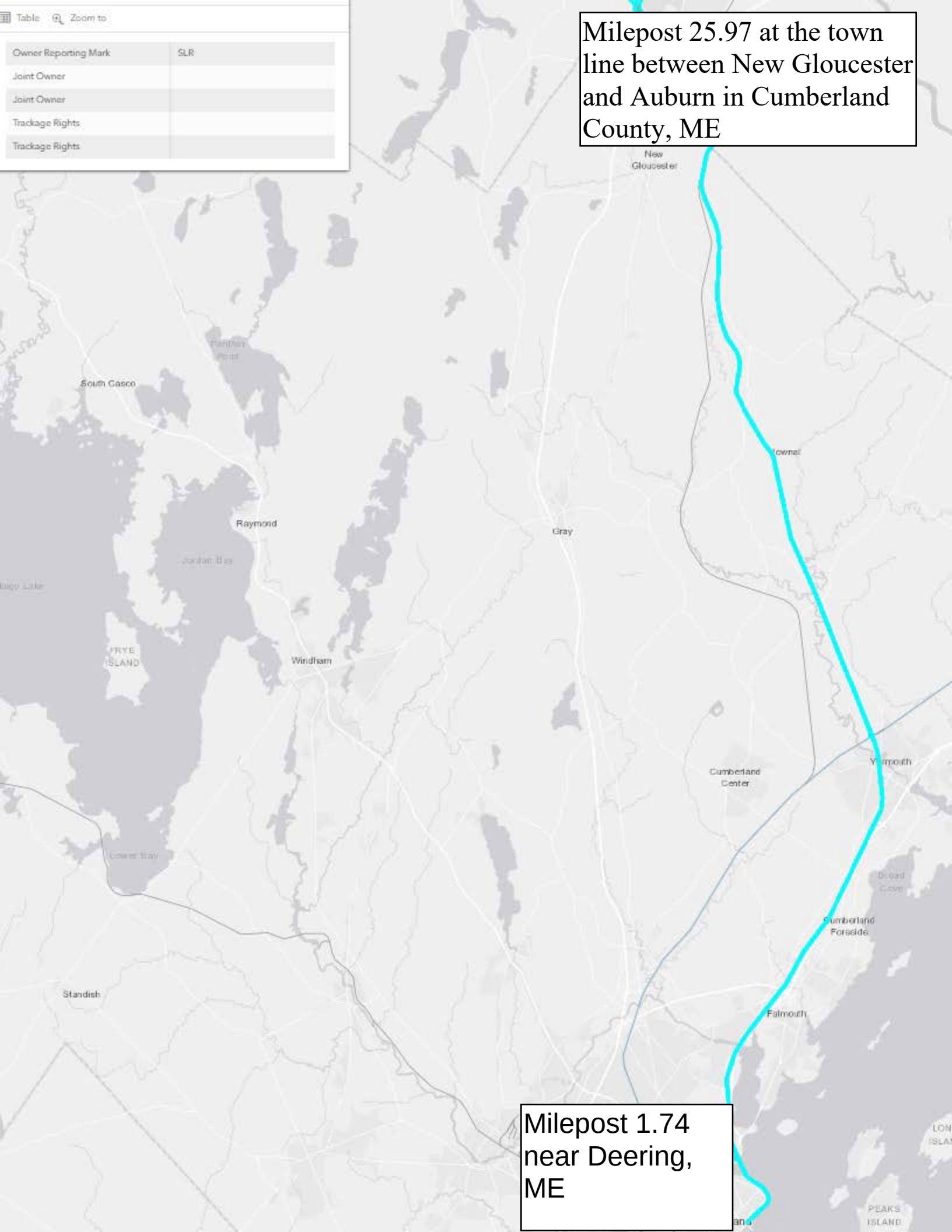


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Table	Zoom to
Owner Reporting Mark	SLR
Joint Owner	
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As proposed, the project will not adversely affect historic properties. Pursuant to 800.5 (c), if no consulting parties object to this finding 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