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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

NOTICE

Docket No. AB 1237 (Sub-No. 1)

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION—BETWEEN LITTLETON, N.H., AND BETHLEHEM, N.H.

Decided: March 14, 2019

On January 28, 2019, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 to abandon 6.86 miles of rail line located between milepost C113, station 995+66, at Industrial Drive in Littleton, N.H., and milepost C119.86, station 1359+77, a point 3.35 miles east of the Littleton/Bethlehem, N.H., town line (the Line).

NHDOT's verified notice of exemption did not include a certification that NHDOT had complied with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11. See 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2). Specifically, under 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(b) and 1105.11, NHDOT is required to serve its environmental report on the agencies identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) twenty days prior to filing with the Board its notice of exemption. On March 11, 2019, NHDOT supplemented its verified notice of exemption with a certification that it had served its environmental report on the agencies identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) on February 26, 2019.

Accordingly, NHDOT's verified notice of exemption will be considered filed on March 18, 2019, twenty days after NHDOT served its environmental report on the required agencies.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.