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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 34365

NEW ENGLAND TRANSRAIL LLC—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION
EXEMPTION—LINES OF BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: June 26, 2003

On June 19, 2003, New England Transrail, LLC, d/b/a the Wilmington and Woburn Terminal Railroad Co. (New England Transrail), a noncarrier, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31, to acquire and operate, pursuant to contract rights from Boston and Maine Railroad Company, certain trackage in Woburn and Wilmington, MA. Under 49 CFR 1150.32(b), the exemption would normally become effective on June 26, 2003 (7 days after the notice was filed).

On June 25, 2003, New England Transrail requested that the exemption not become effective until July 11, 2003. New England Transrail states that it has been engaged in meetings with the community and with the staff of Congressmen Edward Markey and John Tierney, and, as a courtesy to them, it is requesting a delay in the effective date of the exemption. New England Transrail's request will be granted.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The exemption invoked by New England Transrail in its notice filed on June 19, 2003, is scheduled to become effective on July 11, 2003.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary