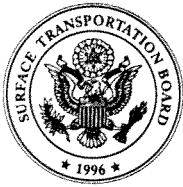


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March 26, 2012

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RE: Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service in STB Finance Docket No. AB 32 (Sub-No. 85X) and AB 355 (Sub-No. 37X) – Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company, Lowell Industrial Track

Dear Mr. Bell

The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has made a finding of "no historic properties affected" (36 CFR 800.4(d)(1)) in the above proceeding. The proposed action consists of the abandonment and discontinuance of service of a 1.27-mile rail line located in Lowell, Massachusetts. The Board's approval of the proposed action is an undertaking subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Board's "no historic properties affected" finding is based on research conducted by the applicant(s), and the opinions of the Lowell Historical Society, the Lowell National Historical Park, and your office, who find that the undertaking would not affect historic properties.

If you have any questions or need additional information to support our finding, please feel free to contact me at 202-245-0293.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Specialist

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