



RE: Proposed Abandonment of the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway (MMA)
- AB-1043 (Sub-No. 1)
Stancampiano, Robin to: Diana.Wood
Cc: "Mohney, Kirk"

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MHPC# 0199-10

Diana-

We issued a "no historic properties affected" determination to the Maine DOT for this project in July (see attached.) Please let me know if this correspondence will suffice for your files.

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Thanks!

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Diana-

I was out of the office unexpectedly yesterday. I have received your three voice messages and your email below and understand the urgency of your request. I have pulled recent correspondence for my supervisor's review and we will respond soon.

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Hi Robin:

This is a follow-up from my earlier phone message in which I requested a conference call with you regarding the Section 106 process and rail line abandonments.

In March 2010, you submitted comments to me on a preliminary draft environmental assessment for the proposed abandonment of 233 miles of rail line in Penobscot and Aroostook Counties. The rail line is owned and operated by the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway (MMA). In your letter (MHPC# 0199-10), you stated that MMA would need to conduct an architectural survey of the line. We included that recommendation as a mitigation measure in the Draft and Final EAs (issued April and July 2010, respectively) because it appeared that rail operations would cease over the referenced MMA rail segments and that MMA would salvage the 233 miles of rail line. Since then, new developments have occurred.

It now appears that the State of Maine will purchase the 233-mile rail line and select a new operator to provide rail service over the line. Rail service would continue, no diversion to truck would occur, and no salvage activities would take place. Because of this recent development, the rail line would not be salvaged and disposed of if the proposed abandonment is approved. Service would, in fact, continue.

We believe that the circumstance of this proceeding has changed and that the proposed undertaking would no longer have the potential to cause effects on historic properties. This is an unusual case for us, and so we would like to further discuss this latest development with you and other staff members in your office in a conference call sometime this week. Is Thursday a good day for you? Please let me know when you are available. Other staff participants include: Victoria Rutson, Director, Office of Environmental

Analysis, and Cathy Glidden, our Section 106 specialist.

Best regards,

Diana

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