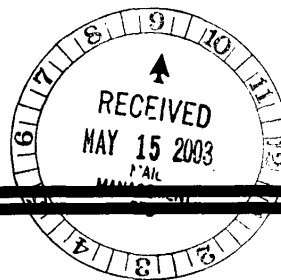




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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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1925 K Street, N.W.
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**Re: Springfield Terminal Railway Company -- Discontinuance of
Service --- Manchester and Lawrence Branch, Essex County, Massachusetts
and Rockingham and Hillsborough Counties, New Hampshire
Docket No. AB 355 (Sub No. 28X)**

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am submitting this letter as a supplement to the Springfield Terminal Railway Company's ("ST") Verified Notice of Exemption to discontinue service over portions of a line of railroad known as the Manchester and Lawrence Branch (the "Line") in Essex County, Massachusetts and Rockingham and Hillsborough Counties, New Hampshire. The first portion of the Line to be discontinued is approximately 6.2 miles in length and extends from railroad milepost 1.40 to railroad milepost 7.6 ("Segment 1"). The second portion of the Line to be discontinued is approximately 5.77 miles in length and extends from railroad milepost 20.93 to milepost 26.70 ("Segment 2") (collectively the "Segments"). The total number of miles to be discontinued on the Segments is approximately 11.97.

Should you have any additional questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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