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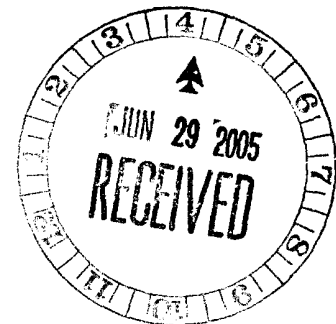
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June 29, 2005

VIA MESSENGER

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Office the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW, Room 700
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-254 (Sub-No. 8X)
Providence & Worcester Railroad Company -- Abandonment Exemption --
East Providence, Rhode Island
Petition for Exemption For Abandonment**

Dear Secretary Williams:

As you may recall, we filed the above-referenced Petition For Exemption with the Board on June 16, 2005. It now appears that an error was made with respect to the service dates of the draft Environmental And Historical Report that was set forth in Exhibit 6. Although that document indicates that the draft Environmental And Historical Report was sent on May 18, 2005 to the parties noted on the list, the draft Report was actually sent to all of the parties on that list (except for the Historical Preservation And Heritage Commission) on May 27, 2005. In addition, the draft Historic Report was sent to the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission on May 20, 2005.

We would appreciate it if you would physically replace the original Certificate Of Service Of Combined Environmental And Historical Report with the revised version which is attached hereto. We have attached an original and 11 copies of that revised certificate of service for that purpose.

In addition, I have attached the original Affidavit prepared by Amy Silverstein, Assistant General Counsel of the Providence & Worcester Railroad Company which attests to the dates on which these documents were served on the various listed

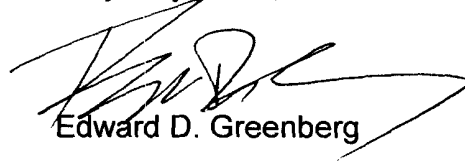
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entities. We regret the error and the inconvenience that this may have caused you and the various parties on the Service List.

Please date stamp the enclosed extra copy and return to our messenger for our files.

If you have any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Edward D. Greenberg

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Enclosures

cc: To All Parties On Service List
David M. Konschnik - (via Messenger)

AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
OF COMBINED ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(b) & 1105(8)(c), the undersigned hereby certifies that the Combined Environmental And Historic Report concerning the properties that are the subject of the Petition For Exemption, Docket No. AB-254 (Sub-No. 8X), Providence and Worcester Railroad Company -- Abandonment Exemption -- East Providence, Rhode Island (East Providence and East Junction Branch Lines) was mailed via U.S. Mail on May 27, 2005, upon all parties required to receive such Report, as set forth below:

State of Rhode Island
Statewide Planning Program
Department of Administration
Division of Planning
One Capitol Hill – 4th floor
Providence, RI 02908

State of Rhode Island
Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908-5767

Executive Director
Coastal Resources Management Council
Stedman Office Building
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, RI 02879

Jeanne M. Boyle
Planning Director
City of East Providence
145 Taunton Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914

U.S. Department of Environmental Protection
Northeast Regional Office
1 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Region 5
300 West Gate Center Drive
Hadley, MA 01035

Robert J. DeSista
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New England District
696 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742

Regional Director
National Park Service
Northeast Region
U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street, 5th floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resource Conservation Service
Rhode Island State Office/Service Center
60 Quaker Lane, Suite 46
Warwick, RI 02886

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Geodetic Survey
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Springs, MD 20910

In addition, a copy of the draft Historic Report concerning the properties that are the subject of the Petition was mailed via U.S. Mail on May 20, 2005 to:

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission
Old State House
150 Benefit Street
Providence, RI 02903

DATED: June 29, 2005


Edward D. Greenberg

Press Note

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(1) IN STB FINANCE DOCKET NO. 33388 (SUB-NO. 95), FOUND THAT A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THAT WAS ENTERED INTO BY NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY AND WHEELING & LAKE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY WAS CONSISTENT WITH AND REASONABLY IMPLEMENTED CERTAIN CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN CSX CORP. ET AL.--CONTROL--CONRAIL INC. ET AL., 3 S.T.B. 196, (2) IN STB FINANCE DOCKET NO. 33388 (SUB-NOS. 97 AND 98), STB FINANCE DOCKET NO. 32516 (SUB-NO. 1), AND STB FINANCE DOCKET NO. 32525 (SUB-NO. 1), ACCEPTED THE NOTICES OF EXEMPTION, SUBJECT TO LABOR PROTECTIVE CONDITIONS, AND (3) IN STB FINANCE DOCKET NO. 33388 (SUB-NOS. 96 AND 99), GRANTED THE EXEMPTIONS, SUBJECT TO LABOR PROTECTIVE CONDITIONS.

Author:

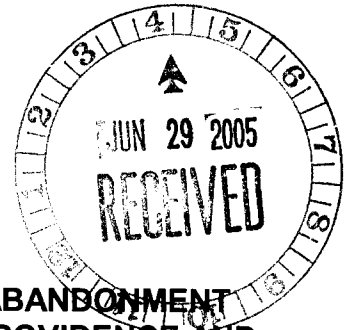
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STB DOCKET NO. AB-254 (Sub-No. 8X)



**PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER RAILROAD COMPANY -- ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION -- EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND (EAST PROVIDENCE AND
EAST JUNCTION BRANCH LINES)**

AFFIDAVIT OF AMY SILVERSTEIN

I, Amy Silverstein, do hereby declare:

1. That I served a letter dated May 18, 2005 on the following parties informing them of P&W's intentions of abandoning portions of two rail lines in East Providence, Rhode Island as depicted on an attached map and requesting responses to referenced statements:

State of Rhode Island
Statewide Planning Program
Department of Administration
Division of Planning
One Capitol Hill - 4th floor
Providence, RI 02908

U. S. Department of Agriculture
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Rhode Island State Office/Service Center
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235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908-5767

U.S. Department of Environmental Protection
Northeast Regional Office
1 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
New England District
696 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742

An example of the May 18, 2005 letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. That I served a letter dated May 20, 2005 on the following party informing them of P&W's intentions of abandoning portions of two rail lines in East Providence, Rhode Island as depicted on an attached map and enclosing a copy of the Historic Report:

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission
Old State House
150 Benefit Street
Providence, RI 02903

A copy of the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. That I served a letter dated May 27, 2005 on the following parties enclosing a copy of the Combined Environmental Report and Historic Report:

State of Rhode Island
Statewide Planning Program
Department of Administration
Division of Planning
One Capitol Hill – 4th floor
Providence, RI 02908

U. S. Department of Agriculture
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Regional Director
National Park Service
Northeast Region
U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street, 5th floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

An example of the May 27, 2005 letter is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

4. That I served a letter dated June 8, 2005 on the following party enclosing photographs referenced in the Historic Report sent on May 20, 2005:

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission
Old State House
150 Benefit Street
Providence, RI 02903

A copy of the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

5. That I served a letter dated June 10, 2005 on the following party requesting a response to a referenced statement in the Combined Environmental and Historic Report:

Regional Director
National Park Service
Northeast Region
U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street, 5th floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

A copy of the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

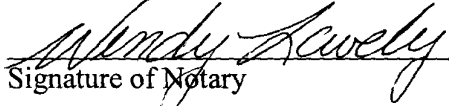
Executed this 28th day of June, 2005 at Worcester, Massachusetts.



Amy Silverstein

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Worcester

On this 28th day of June, 2005, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Amy Silverstein, of Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was personal knowledge, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose(s).


Signature of Notary

(Seal)

My Commission Expires 6/14/2007

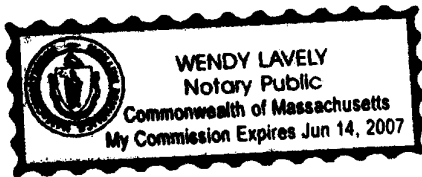
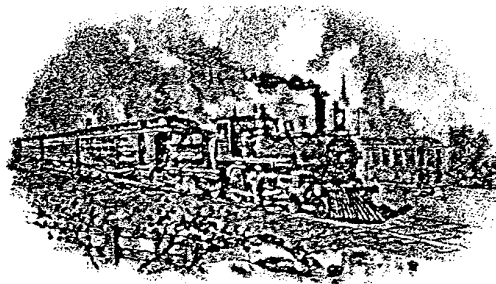


Exhibit A



FOUNDED 1844

May 18, 2005

State of Rhode Island
Statewide Planning Program
Department of Administration
Division of Planning
One Capitol Hill - 4th floor
Providence, RI 02908

Dear Sir/Madam:

In conjunction with the East Providence, Rhode Island waterfront development project, Providence and Worcester Railroad Company is proposing to abandon a 4.3 $\pm$ mile portion of its branch line known as the East Providence Branch and a 0.48 $\pm$ mile portion of its branch line known as the East Junction Branch, both of which are located in East Providence, as depicted on the attached map.

This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(3)(i) requires that we develop a response to the following statement:

"Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies."

I would appreciate your comments on this matter. Because time is of the essence, kindly forward any comments and relevant information to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Amy Silverstein
Assistant General Counsel

Enc.

PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER RAILROAD COMPANY
75 HAMMOND STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01610 P.O. BOX 16551, WORCESTER, MA 01601
TELEPHONE (508) 755-4000 FAX (508) 795-0748

Exhibit B



May 20, 2005

FOUNDED 1844

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission
Old State House
150 Benefit Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Providence and Worcester Railroad Company
Proposed Abandonment
East Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir/Madam:

In conjunction with the East Providence, Rhode Island waterfront development project, Providence and Worcester Railroad Company is proposing to abandon a 4.3 $\pm$ mile portion of its branch line known as the East Providence Branch and a 0.48 $\pm$ mile portion of its branch line known as the East Junction Branch, both of which are located in East Providence, as shown in the attached historic report. As part of the abandonment, we intend to remove track material, such as rails and ties. However, we do not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil.

In connection with rail lines that are to become the subject of applications for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105.8(d) require that a historic report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board. In accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a historic report covering the above proposed abandonment. I will forward photographs as referenced in the report under separate cover.

I would appreciate it if you would confirm in writing that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need anything further.

Sincerely,

Amy Silverstein
Assistant General Counsel

Attachment

Copy:
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 "K" Street NW - Suite 534
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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75 HAMMOND STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01610 P.O. BOX 16551, WORCESTER, MA 01601
TELEPHONE (508) 755-4000 FAX (508) 795-0748

Exhibit C



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May 27, 2005

State of Rhode Island
Statewide Planning Program
Department of Administration
Division of Planning
One Capitol Hill – 4th floor
Providence, RI 02908

RE: Providence and Worcester Railroad Company
Proposed Abandonment
East Providence, Rhode Island
Docket No. AB-254 (Sub No. 8X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

On or about June 16, 2005, we expect to be filing with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Sub-part F-*Exempt Abandonments* seeking authority to abandon a 4.3± mile portion of our branch line known as the East Providence Branch and a 0.48± mile portion of our branch line known as the East Junction Branch, both of which are located in East Providence, Rhode Island. Attached is a Combined Environmental Report and Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historical effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20423, telephone (202) 565-1539 and refer to the above Docket No. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent

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deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within 3 weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly by telephone at (508) 755-4000 or by mail at 75 Hammond Street, Worcester, MA 01610.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Silvertein".

Amy Silvertein
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

Exhibit D



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June 8, 2005

Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission
Old State House
150 Benefit Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Providence and Worcester Railroad Company
Proposed Abandonment
East Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir/Madam:

In connection with the above referenced matter, enclosed please find original photographs of the bridges on the East Providence Branch pursuant to item #3 referenced in the Historic Report sent to you on May 20, 2005.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to your response to my May 20 letter in which I requested confirmation in writing that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Amy Silverstein
Assistant General Counsel

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Exhibit E



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June 10, 2005

Regional Director
National Park Service
Northeast Region
U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street, 5th floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

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Proposed Abandonment
East Providence, Rhode Island
Docket No. AB-254 (Sub No. 8X)

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This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulation 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(8) (ii) requires that we develop a response to the following statement:

“State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be effected, and describe any effects.”

Based upon the above described actions, we would appreciate your concurrence in our position that there would be no adverse impact to any National or State parks.

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Thank you for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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