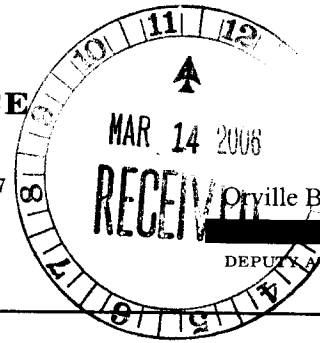
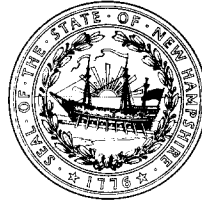


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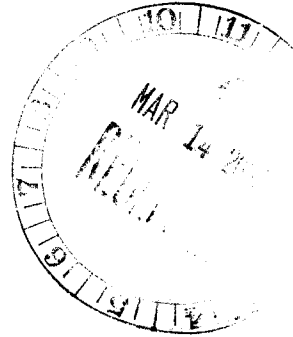
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APPEAL
TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 9, 2006



Honorable Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K St., N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-871X
State of New Hampshire Department of transportation (NHDOT)
Discontinuance of Service
Verified Notice of Exemption
Lakeport Spur -- Belknap County, New Hampshire

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's exemption procedures for the discontinuance of rail lines with no local business for at least two years, (49 C.F.R. 1152.50), enclosed are an original and ten (10) copies of a verified Notice of Exemption, including a Certificate of Service and Publication.

Please file the Notice of Exemption in Docket No. AB-871X. Enclosed is a check for \$3,000.00 for the filing fee. Three (3) computer disks, in WordPerfect format, are included for the Board's use.

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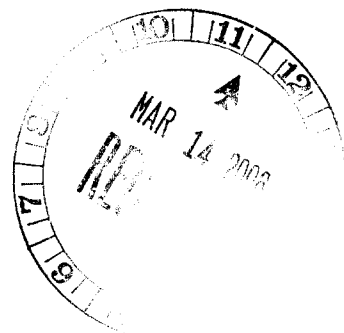
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Very truly yours,

Stephen G. LaBonte
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Before the
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Docket No. AB-871X

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BDISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE
LAKEPORT SPUR
BELKNAP COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

ENTERED
Office of Procurement

Stephen G. LaBonte
State of New Hampshire
Office of the Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Counsel for:
State of New Hampshire
Department of Transportation

Dated: January 24, 2006
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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

FINANCE DOCKET NO. AB-871X

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE
LAKEPORT SPUR
BELKNAP COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation (ANHDOT@) submits this verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. ' 1152.50 - Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights, for an exempt discontinuance of service on a portion of a line of railroad known as the Lakeport Spur (the ALine@) in Belknap County, New Hampshire. The Line to be discontinued extends from railroad engineering station 1 + 70 to engineering station 11 + 28.11 on Valuation Section V.21, Map 65-A (ASegment@).

Proposed consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. ' 1152.50 (d)(2)

The discontinuance is proposed to be consummated on or after April 21, 2006 (at least 50 days after filing the Notice of Exemption).

Certification: 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(b)

The NHDOT certifies that (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least two years prior to the date hereof; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; and (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (of filed by a state or local governmental entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line is either pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period prior to the date hereof. The foregoing certification is made on behalf of the State of New Hampshire after due and careful investigation of the matters herein certified and based on the best knowledge, information and belief of the undersigned.

Additional Information Required: 49 C.F.R. ' 1152.22(a)(1-4), (7),(8) and (e)(4)

(a) General

(a)(1) The railroad's exact name is the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail & Transit.

(a)(2) New Hampshire is not a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105.

(a)(3) New Hampshire seeks to discontinue service over the Lakeport Spur located in Belknap County, New Hampshire.

(a)(4) A map showing the location of the Line is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and hereby made a part hereof.

(a)(7) The representative to whom correspondence regarding this discontinuance should be sent is:

Stephen G. LaBonte
Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

- (a)(8) Zip Code. The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 03246
- (e)(4) Rural and Community Impact. This segment of the Line is not suitable for public, non-rail purposes. Prior to the filing date of this discontinuance, title to the Line was acquired by third parties.

Labor Protection

New Hampshire Understands that, in exempting the proposed discontinuance, the Board does not relieve a carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of the employees. See 49 C.F.R. ' 1152.50(c). There has been no traffic over the section of rail in question since 1985. As such, New Hampshire does not anticipate that any employee protected under 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(c) will be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment and discontinuance.

Certifications

Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and hereby made a part hereof is a Certificate of Service and Publication pursuant to the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. ' ' 1152.50 (d)(1), 1105.11 and 1105.12.

Environmental and Historic Report

A copy of the Transmittal Letter of the State of New Hampshire=s Combined Environmental and Historic Report containing the information required by 49 C.F.R. ' ' 1105.7(e) and 1105.8, and delivered in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 1105.11, is attached hereto as

Exhibit C and hereby made a part hereof.

Dated this 2 day of March, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

By its Attorneys,

Kelly Ayotte,
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Stephen LaBonte
Assistant Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301
(603) 271-3675

VERIFICATION

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I, STEPHEN LABONTE, Attorney for the State of New Hampshire Department of transportation, declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that I have read the foregoing document and that its assertions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further declare that I am qualified and authorized to submit this verification of behalf of the State of New Hampshire. I know that willful misstatements or omissions of material facts constitute Federal criminal violations punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by imprisonment up to five years and fines up to \$10,000 for each offense. Additionally, I know that these misstatements are punishable as perjury under 18 U.S.C. 1621, which provides for fines up to \$2,000 or imprisonment up to five years for each offense.

Dated at Concord, New Hampshire, this 2 day of March, 2006


Stephen G. LaBonte

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2 day of March, 2006

Sharon E. DeHart
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 4-7-09

EXHIBIT A

MAP

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EXHIBIT B

**DOCKET NO. AB 871X
LAKEPORT SPUR**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND PUBLICATION

49 C.F.R. ' 1152.50(d)(1) - Notice

The undersigned certifies that on or before February 10, 2006, (at least 10 days before a Notice of Exemption is filed), written notice was given of the State of New Hampshire=s intent to use the exemption notice procedure to abandon the line of railroad known at the Lakeport Spur in Belknap County, New Hampshire in Docket No. AB 871X.

Written notice was served on the following:

- ☐ Christopher Morgan, Administrator
Bureau of Rail and Transit
NH Department of Transportation
PO Box 483
(7 Hazen Drive)
Concord NH 03302-0483
- ☐ Mary Bomar, Regional Director, Northeast Region
National Park Service
U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street, Fifth Floor
Philadelphia PA 19106
- ☐ Office of the Special Assistant for Transportation Engineering
Railroads for National Defense
Military Surface Development & Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
720 Thimble Shoals Blvd., Suite 130
Newport News VA 23606-4537
- ☐ Dale Bosworth, Chief
USDA Forest Service
PO Box 96090
Washington DC 20090-6090

49 C.F.R. ' 1105.11 -

The undersigned certifies that on or before February 10, 2006 (at least 20 days before a Notice of Exemption is filed), a Combined Environmental and Historic Report pursuant to 49 C.F.R. ' ' 1105.7 and 1105.8 was served in Docket No. AB 871X for abandonment of the line of railroad known at the Lakeport Spur in Belknap County, New Hampshire on the following:

- (1) Mary Ann Manoogian, Director
Office of Energy & Planning
2 Beacon Street
Concord NH 03301-4497**
- (2) Timothy W. Drew, Administrator of Public Information and Permitting
Department of Environmental Services
PO Box 95 (6 Hazen Drive)
Concord NH 03302-0095**
- (3) NH Coastal Program - Watershed Management Bureau
Department of Environmental Services
PO Box 95
Concord NH 03302-0095**
- (4) County Commissioners
Belknap County, NH
34 County Drive
Laconia NH 03246**
- (5) Stephen Perkins
US Environmental Protection Agency - Region 1
1 Congress Street Suite 1100
Boston MA 02114-2023**
- (6) Michael J. Bartlett, Supervisor, New England Field Office
U.S. Department of Interior - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
70 Commercial Street - Suite 300
Concord NH 03301-5087**
- (7) Larry Rosenberg, Chief of Public Affairs, Public Affairs Office
New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

696 Virginia Road
Concord MA 01742-2751

- (8) Mary Bomar, Regional Director, Northeast Region
National Park Service, U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street, Fifth Floor
Philadelphia PA 19106

- (9) USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service
Concord Service Center
10 Ferry Street, Suite 312
Concord NH 03301-5019

- (10) New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources
19 Pillsbury Street, 2nd Floor
PO Box 2043
Concord NH 03302-2043

- (11) NGS Information Services, NOAA, N/NGS12
National Geodetic Survey, SSMC-3, #9202
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Springs MD 20910-3282

49 C.F.R. ' 1105.2 - Newspaper Notice

The undersigned further certifies that a ANotice of Intent to Abandon@ was published in the form prescribed by the Board for a Notice of Exemption. The notice was published in one State wide newspaper and one major newspaper in the Belknap County as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Dates</u>
State wide	The Union Leader	May 26 th , 27 th , 28 th , 29 th , 30, and 31 st , 2005
Belknap County 2005	The Citizen	May 25 th , 26 th and 27 th ,

Dated this 2 day of March, 2006.



Stephen G. LaBonte
Assistant Attorney General

Legal Notice

Notice of Intent to Discontinue Rail Service

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Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423 (See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)), and one copy must be served on applicants' representative (See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)). Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Stephen LaBonte, State of New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General, 33 Capitol Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301.

(U/L—May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; June 1)

I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was published in The Union Leader and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at Manchester, N.H., by the Union Leader Corporation on the following dates, viz: *May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 & June 1, 2005*

(Signed)

Therese M. Landry

UNION LEADER CORPORATION

State of New Hampshire,
Hillsborough, SS.

(Dated)

Nov. 2, 2005

Subscribed and sworn to by the said

THERESE M. LANDRY

Before me,

Claudette Mitchell

Notary Public CLAUDETTE T. MITCHELL, Notary Public
My Commission Expires June 20, 2006

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Jean Cowing

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BELKNAP, SS

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Date

Before me,

Shane Paffen - Notary
(Notary Public)
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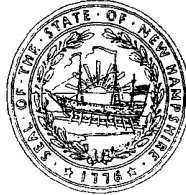
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ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORICAL REPORT

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Newport News, VA 23606-4537

Dale Bosworth, Chief of the Forest Service
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Washington, DC 20090-6090

**RE: Docket No. AB-871X, State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation
-Discontinuance of Service Exemption- Belknap County, New Hampshire
(Lakeport Spur)**

Dear Sirs:

This is notice that the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation ("NHDOT") expects to be filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority for an exempt discontinuance of the Lakeport Spur extending from railroad engineering station 1 + 70 to engineering station 11 + 28.11 on the Valuation Section V.21, Map 65-A, which traverses through United States Postal service Zip Code 03246 in Belknap County, Laconia, New Hampshire (the "Line").

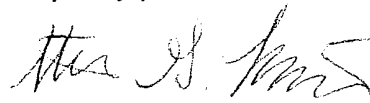
The "no business" exemption procedure will be used to discontinue the Line, pursuant to the abandonment and discontinuance regulations of the STB at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. No traffic has moved over the Line in at least two years and there is no overhead traffic on the Line. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the STB on or after January 10, 2006.

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Based on information in our possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the State's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

A map showing the Line to be abandoned is attached, for your information.

Very truly yours,

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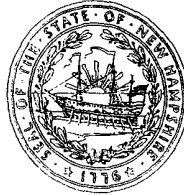
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November 8, 2005

FILE

Mary Ann Manoogian, Director
Office of Energy & Planning
2 Beacon Street
Concord, NH 03301-4497

Re: Discontinuance of service on a portion of a line of railroad known as Lakeport Spur
Docket No. AB 871X

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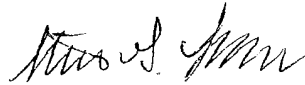
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Mary Ann Manoogian, Director
Office of Energy & Planning
November 8, 2005
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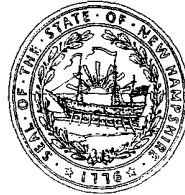
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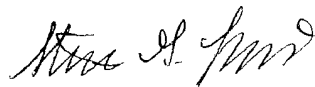
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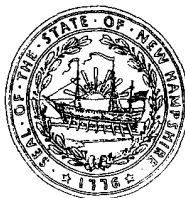
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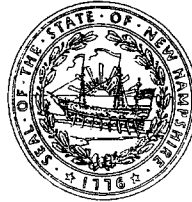
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January 3, 2006

County Commissioners
Belknap County, New Hampshire
34 County Drive
Laconia, NH 03246

Re: Discontinuance of service on a portion of a line of railroad known as Lakeport Spur
Docket No. AB 871X

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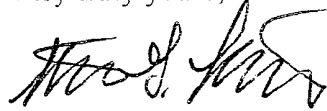
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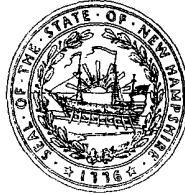
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Stephen Perkins
US Environmental Protection Agency - Region 1
1 Congress Street Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023

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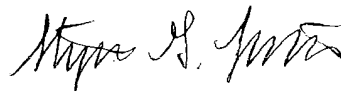
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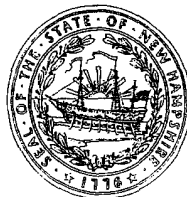
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Michael J. Bartlett, Supervisor, New England Field Office
U.S. Department of Interior - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
70 Commercial Street - Suite 300
Concord, NH 03301-5087

Re: Discontinuance of service on a portion of a line of railroad known as Lakeport Spur
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Dear Mr. Bartlett:

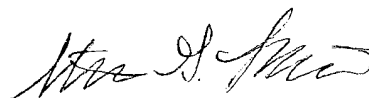
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New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
696 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742-2751

Re: Discontinuance of service on a portion of a line of railroad known as Lakeport Spur
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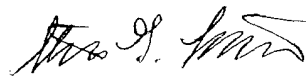
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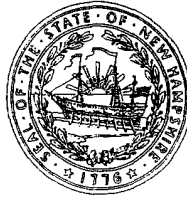
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December 15, 2005

Mary A. Bomar, Regional Director, Northeast Region
National Park Service, U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street, Fifth Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re: Discontinuance of service on a portion of a line of railroad known as Lakeport Spur
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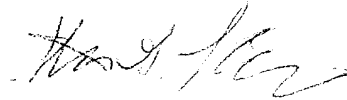
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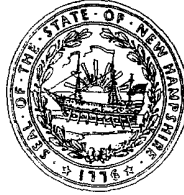
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USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service
Concord Service Center
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Concord, NH 03301-5019

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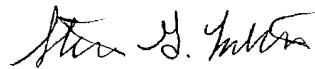
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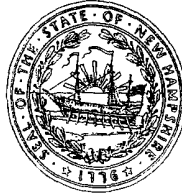
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1315 East-West Highway
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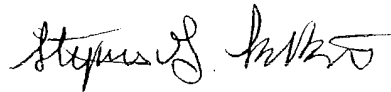
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