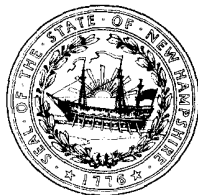


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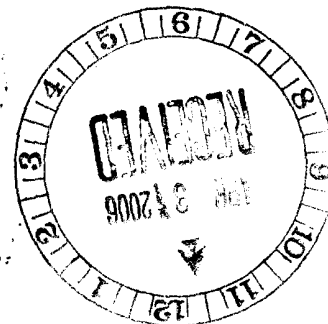
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Dear Secretary Williams:

On March 9, 2006, the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation sent to your office Docket No. AB-871X, a Verified Notice of Exemption for the Discontinuance of the Lakeport Spur. We have been informed by the Surface Transportation Board that this should be classified as an "Abandonment" and hereby submit this letter to request that the docket be amended to read "Verified Notice of Exemption for the Abandonment of the Lakeport Spur."

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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