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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 "K" Street, N.W. Room 504
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



**Re: Notice of Consummation – STB Docket No. AB-871X,
State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation,
Abandonment Exemption – Lakeport Spur, in Belknap County, New Hampshire**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On September 5, 2006, the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon service on a section of rail line known as the Lakeport Spur, extending from engineering station 1 + 70 to engineering station 11 + 28.11 (on Valuation Section V.21, Map 65-A) in Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 03246.

By decision served September 25, 2006, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective October 25, 2006. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of September 25, 2007. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.50(e), the New Hampshire Department of Transportation hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted and consummated abandonment of a portion of the subject line as of the date of this letter.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the additional enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the provided envelope.

Very truly yours,

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