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BY E-MAIL

Ms. Catherine Nadals
Office of Environmental Assessment
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Washington, D.C. 20423

**RE: Docket No. AB-733X, Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc.
Discontinuance of Service Exemption**

**Docket No. AB-1121X, Coltsville Terminal Company, Inc.
Abandonment Exemption**

Dear Ms. Nadals:

I am writing on behalf of Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc., and Coltsville Terminal Company, Inc. ("Coltsville") in connection with the above-captioned proceedings pending before the Board.

Regarding the abandonment of the subject track by Coltsville, you had asked me to provide the following information: (1) a photograph and location of the only bridge on the railroad, (2) evidence of the State's intention to purchase the railroad's right of way and its future use as a trail, and (3) the nature of the salvage activities to be conducted on the line.

Yesterday I emailed and you acknowledged receipt of a picture of the bridge. Just to clarify, this bridge is to the best of our knowledge owned by the Commonwealth (presumably the Massachusetts Department of Transportation) and carries Dalton Avenue over the railroad right of way in the City of Pittsfield, MA.

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Other than the culverts noted in our Environmental Report, there are no other structures on the line. We have no other pictures of the line. Furthermore, you should have received an email from a Thomas Gray with Mass DOT confirming its plan to purchase the line for use as a trail. With respect to salvage, Mass DOT will acquire the line with the track and will undertake to salvage the track and conduct any other activities needed to make it into a recreational trail. If you have any further questions about those salvage activities such as removal of ballast and the depth of the salvage activities, please contact Mr. Gray.

I hope this letter answers your questions. Your prompt conclusion of the section 106 historic process would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Edward Rodriguez, Esq.
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Thomas Gray, Esq. (by email)
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