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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Office of Proceedings
December 20, 2024
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Public Record

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 817X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Norfolk County, MA**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On December 3, 2024, CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) filed a Verified Notice of Exemption to abandon an approximately 2.09-mile rail line that runs between milepost QVF 18.01 (the “Northern End”) and milepost QVF 20.1 (the “Southern End”), on its Northern Region, Franklin Subdivision in Norfolk County, MA (the “Line”). CSXT respectfully requests the Board allow it to shorten the length of the Line to 1.6 miles and correct the milepost at the Southern End to QVF 19.6. The modification would shorten the line subject to abandonment from the original 2.09 miles to 1.6 miles.

The map CSXT submitted in the original filing is an accurate depiction of the Line’s location, however, the actual length of the line is shorter than the distance between the mileposts listed.

The difference in the length occurred because different underlying maps were used. CSXT used a Valuation map and the transportation milepost QVF 18.01 just west of Union Street on that map for the Northern End and the Engineering mileposts QVF 20.1 for the Southern End under Interstate I-495. The 2.09-mile length of the Line identified in the Notice of Exemption used the inconsistent milepost markers. CSXT is amending the Notice of Exemption filed on December 3, 2024, to reflect that the actual length of the line is 1.61 miles between milepost QVF 18.01 and milepost QVF 19.6, on its Northern Region, Franklin Subdivision in Norfolk County, MA.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

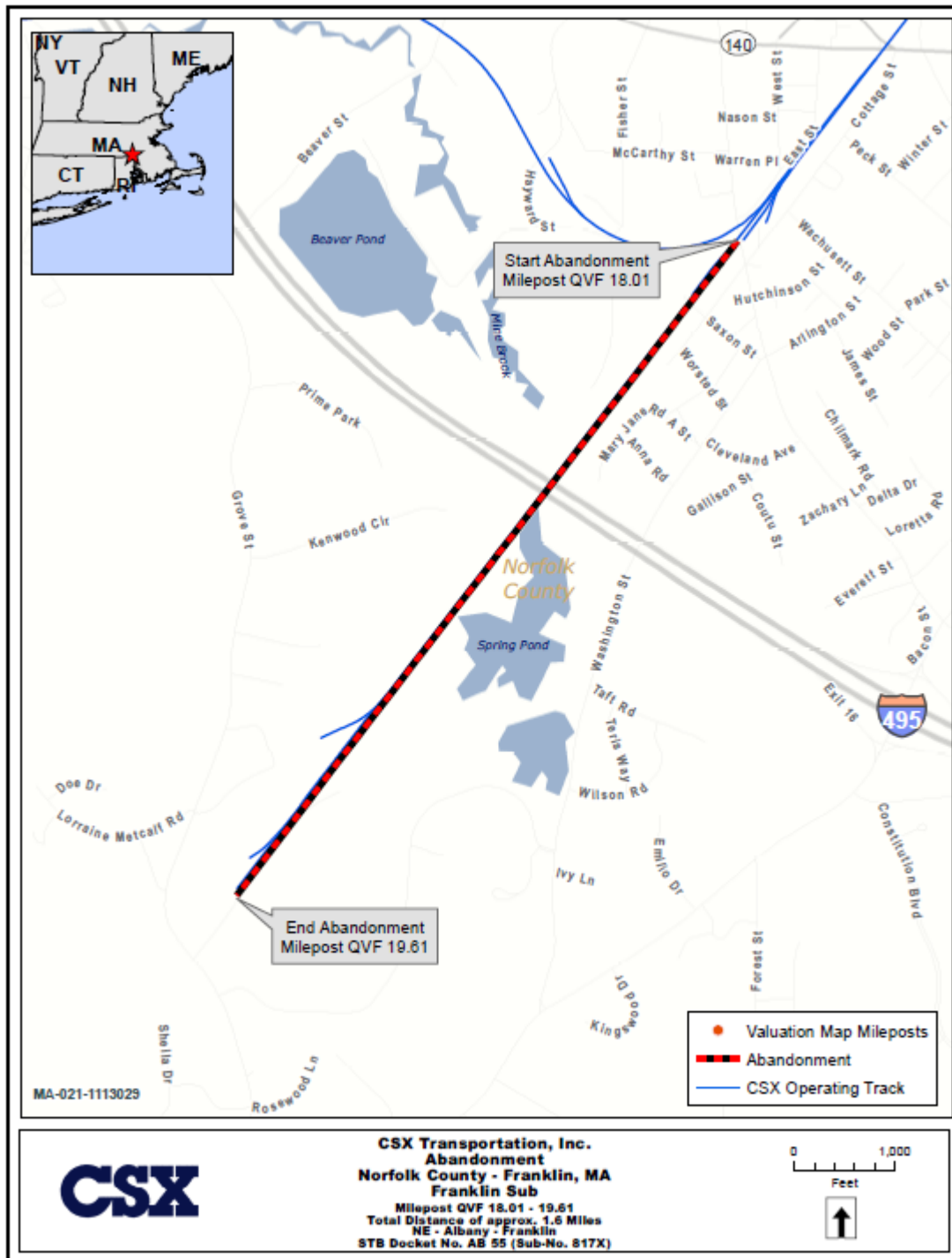
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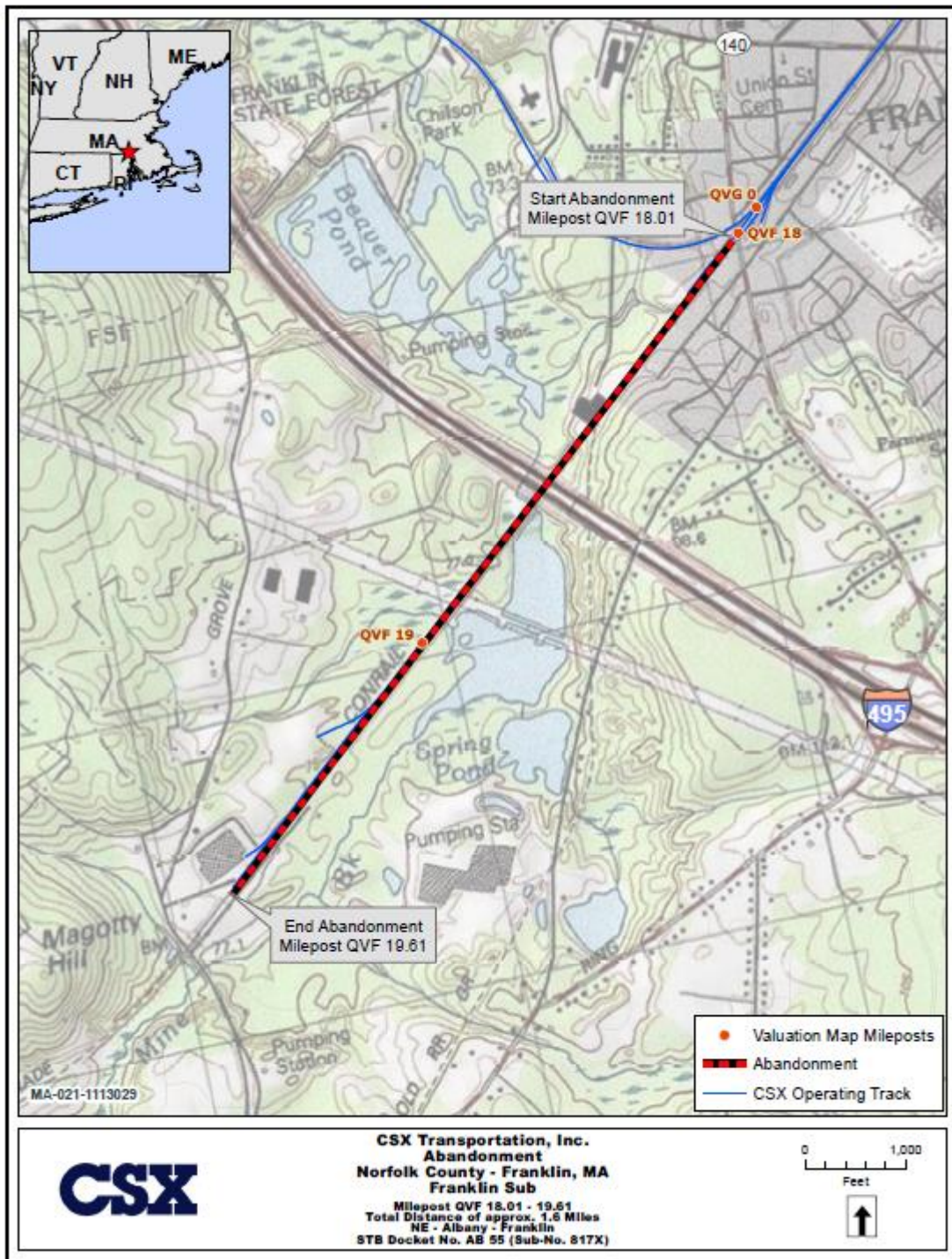


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Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosures

MAPS





VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

**VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION THAT RAIL LINE MEETS
CRITERIA OF 49 C.F.R. SECTION 1152.50(b)**

STATE OF FLORIDA)
)
COUNTY OF DUVAL) ss.

I, Trevor Knaus, state that I am Mgr Cost & Contribution for CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"); that I am authorized to make this verification; and that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption and know the facts asserted therein are true and accurate as stated, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I hereby certify that no local freight traffic has moved over CSXT's approximately 1.6-mile rail line that runs between milepost QVF 18.01 and milepost QVF 19.61, on its Northern Region, Franklin Subdivision in Norfolk County, MA for two years prior to the date hereof and that any overhead traffic can be rerouted over other lines. Further, no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period. The foregoing certification is made on behalf of CSXT by the undersigned after due and careful investigation of the matters herein certified and based on the best of the knowledge, information, and belief of the undersigned.

 12/20/2024

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (d) (1), the undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the change in length and mileposts in the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 817X) was mailed via first class mail or electronic mail on December 18, 2024, to the following parties:

State Public Service Commission

Department of Public Utilities Transportation Oversight Division
One South Station
3rd floor
Boston, MA 02110

Military Traffic Management Command

Headquarters
Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
ATTN: Transportation Engineering Agency (SDTE-SA)
1 Soldier Way Scott AFB, IL 62225-5006
usarmy.scott.sddc.mbx.tea-rnd@mail.mil

National Park Service

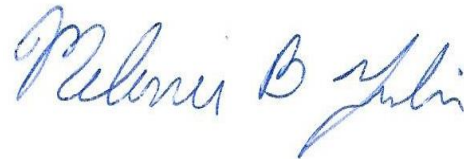
Mr. Bob Ratcliffe
Chief, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program National Park Service
1849 C Street, N.W. (Org Code 2220)
Washington, DC 20240

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U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
Land Resources Division
1849 C Street, N.W.
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U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250-0003

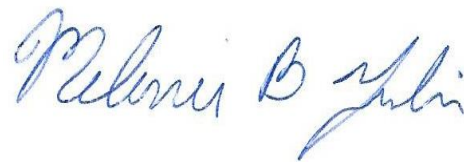


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Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7, the undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the change in length and mileposts in the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 817X) was mailed via first class mail or electronic mail where available on December 18, 2024, to the following parties:

Dan Wright State Conservationist United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service 451 West St Amherst, MA 01002-2934 Daniel.wright@usda.gov	National Park Service Region 1 Office 1234 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19107
Environmental Protection Agency Region 1 11 Technology Drive North Chelmsford, MA 01863-2431 Moraff.Ken@epa.gov	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services New England Ecological Services Field Office 70 Commercial Street, Suite 300 Concord, NH 03301-5094 newengland@fws.gov

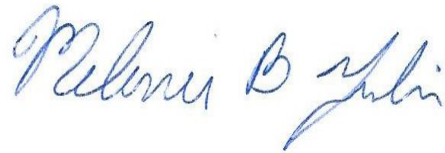
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District 696 Virginia Road Concord, MA 01742 cenae-pa@usace.army.mil	National Geodetic Survey RRAE@noaa.gov
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Central Regional Office 8 New Bond Street Worcester, MA 01606	Mr. Jamie Hellen Town Administrator 355 East Central Street Franklin, MA 02038 jhellen@franklinma.gov
Norfolk County Commission 614 High Street Dedham, MA 02027-0310 info@norfolkcounty.org	Norfolk County Advisory Board 614 High Street Dedham, MA 02027-0310 ncab@norfolkcounty.org



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Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(c), the undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the change in length and mileposts in the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 817X) was mailed via first class mail on December 18, 2024, to the following parties:

Mr. William Francis Galvin
Chair Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Marrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125



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