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Respectfully represents the applicant, Boston and Maine Railroad, as follows:

- a. Its full corporate name is BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD.
- b. It is a common carrier by railroad subject to the Interstate Commerce Act.
- c. It herewith seeks authority to abandon (a) the portion of its so-called Newburyport Branch between its Topsfield and Newburyport stations, a distance of approximately 15.5 miles; and (b) the portion of its so-called Georgetown Branch between its Georgetown station on said Newburyport Branch and its Paper Hill station, a distance of approximately 4.5 miles, both portions of line being entirely in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- d. Abandonment of the lines is sought.
- e. Service on these lines is no longer necessary. Their use by the public is very slight and applicant could realize substantial savings by the proposed abandonment.
- f. Correspondence in regard to this application may be addressed to W. A. Cole, General Counsel, 150 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

g. Applicant is organized under the laws of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York, and is authorized to do business in Vermont.

h. The making and filing of this application were authorized by a vote of the Executive Committee of its Board of Directors passed October 8, 1940, a certified copy of which is attached hereto.

i. Attached hereto is a copy of a situation map showing the lines in question and nearby rail lines. All of said lines are operated as parts of the system of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD

By Edward S. French
President.

VERIFICATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Suffolk, ss.

Edward S. French makes oath and says that he is President of the Boston and Maine Railroad, applicant herein; that he has been authorized by proper corporate action on the part of said applicant to verify and file with the Interstate Commerce Commission the foregoing application; that he has carefully examined all the statements therein and that all such statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Edward S. French

Subscribed and sworn to
before me, a Notary Public
in and for the Commonwealth
and County above named,
this 12th day of November, 1940.

Arthur B. Nichols
Notary Public

My commission expires March 27, 1947

(Notarial seal)

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD, duly called, notified and held on October 8, 1940, a quorum being present, the following action was unanimously taken:

VOTED: that the President, Edward S. French, be and hereby is authorized to make application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority from said Commission to abandon (a) the portion of this corporation's so-called Newburyport Branch between its Topsfield and Newburyport stations, a distance of approximately 15.5 miles; and (b) a portion of its so-called Georgetown Branch between its Georgetown station on said Newburyport Branch and its Paper Mill station, a distance of approximately 4.5 miles, both of said lines being located entirely in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and that he be further authorized to sign, verify and file on behalf of this corporation an appropriate application to the Interstate Commerce Commission and a return to any Questionnaire submitted by said Commission, and generally to perform all acts necessary, convenient or desirable toward accomplishing the foregoing.

Attest:

Arthur B. Nichols

Clerk.

(Corporate seal)