

BEFORE THE  
INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

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APPLICATION OF BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD  
FOR CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING IT TO ABANDON  
A PORTION OF ITS ORIGINAL MASSACHUSETTS  
BRANCH IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH  
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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 the portion of its Central Massachusetts Branch between Norwottuck in the town of Amherst and Canal Junction in the town of Belchertown, all in Hampshire County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and comprising approximately 8.5 miles of railroad.
- d. Abandonment of the line is sought.
- e. There is no necessity for service on this line. For its entire distance it is closely paralleled by an adjacent line of the Central Vermont Railway over which applicant operates by arrangement with that company. It is proposed to continue that operation, and applicant seeks authority to dismantle the line in question and secure the track materials for

other purposes.

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 applicant's Board of Directors passed September 9, 1941, 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.

BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD

By W. S. Trowbridge  
Vice President

VERIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss

W. S. Trowbridge makes oath and says that he is Vice 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.

W. S. Trowbridge

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me, a Notary Public  
in and for the Commonwealth  
and County above named, this  
12th day of September, 1941.

Edward J. Gallagher.  
Notary Public

February 26, 1948.  
My commission expires ~~June-12, -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 September 9, 1941, a quorum being present, the following vote was unanimously passed:

VOTED: that the corporation abandon the portion of its socalled Central Massachusetts Branch about 8.5 miles in length between Norwottuck in the town of Amherst and Canal Junction in the town of Belchertown, all in the County of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or such portion thereof as its officers deem proper, and that the President, E. S. French, and the Vice President, W. S. Trowbridge, be and each of them is herewith authorized on behalf of the corporation to take all steps necessary or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing, including the execution, verification and filing with the Interstate Commerce Commission of an application for authority to abandon said portion and any returns to questionnaires or other documents submitted by said Commission.

Attest:

Arthur B. Nichols

Clerk.

(Corporate seal)