

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 GROVETON BRANCH BETWEEN  
WHITEFIELD JUNCTION AND LANCASTER IN THE  
COUNTY OF COOS AND STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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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 railroad between Whitefield Junction in the town of Whitefield and Lancaster station in the town of Lancaster, all in Coos County and State of New Hampshire and comprising approximately 12 miles of railroad.
- d. Abandonment of the line is sought.
- e. There has been no rail service on this line since 1952 when service was discontinued pursuant to the authority given in Finance Docket No. 9362 - Boston & Maine Railroad Operation and Abandonment, 184 I.C.C. 593.
- 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 applicant's Board of Directors passed July 29, 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. ~~All of said lines are operated as parts of the system of the Boston and Maine Railroad.~~

BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD

By E. S. French  
President.

VERIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss.

E. 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.

E. S. French

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me, a Notary Public  
in and for the Commonwealth  
and County above named, this  
7th day of August, 1941.

William J. Burns  
Notary Public

My commission expires June 12, 1947.

(Notarial Seal)

At a Meeting of the Board of Directors of  
BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD, duly called, notified and held  
on July 29, 1941, a quorum being present, the following  
vote was unanimously passed:

VOTED: that the corporation abandon the portion of  
its socalled Groveton Branch about 12 miles in length between  
its Whitefield Junction station in the town of Whitefield and  
its Lancaster station in the town of Lancaster, all in Coos  
County and State of New Hampshire, or such part thereof as the  
President, E. S. French, may determine, and that the said  
President be and is herewith authorized on behalf of the cor-  
poration to take all steps necessary or appropriate to accom-  
plish the foregoing, including the execution, verification and  
filing with the Interstate Commerce Commission of an applica-  
tion for authority to abandon said portion or any part thereof  
and any returns to questionnaires or other documents sub-  
mitted by said Commission.

Attest:

Arthur B. Nichols

Clerk.

(Corporate seal)

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

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Finance Docket No. 13415

BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD ABANDONMENT

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Submitted September 25, 1941.      Decided October 1, 1941.

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W. A. Cole for applicant.

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DIVISION 4, COMMISSIONERS PORTER, MAHAFFIE, AND MILLER

BY DIVISION 4:

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The line became the applicant's property by consolidation. It has not been operated or maintained since 1932, and is in need of extensive repairs. The territory traversed is sparsely settled, but there is some farming and dairying, neither of which is dependent upon the line for transportation. The volume of rail traffic formerly furnished was small. There is no present or prospective need for renewal of operation. The applicant desires to salvage the track and other material and eliminate taxes thereon. The estimated net salvage value of recoverable material is \$32,660.

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We find that the present and future public convenience and necessity permit abandonment by the Boston and Maine Railroad of the portion of a branch line of railroad in Coos County, N. H., described herein. An appropriate certificate will be issued, effective from and after 15 days from its date.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

At a Session of the INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, Division 4, held at its office in Washington, D. C., on the 1st day of October, A. D. 1941.

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Investigation of the matters and things involved in this proceeding having been made, and said division having, on the date hereof, made and filed a report containing its findings of fact and conclusions thereon, which report is hereby referred to and made a part hereof:

It is hereby certified, That the present and future public convenience and necessity permit abandonment by the Boston and Maine Railroad of the portion of a branch line of railroad in Coos County, N. H., described in the report aforesaid.

It is ordered, That this certificate shall take effect and be in force from and after 15 days from its date.

It is further ordered, That the Boston and Maine Railroad shall report to this Commission as required by valuation order No. 24, effective May 15, 1928.

By the Commission, division 4.

W. P. BARTEL,  
Secretary.

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