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Town of Bethlehem 2155 Main Street, P. O. Box 189 Bethlehem, NH 03574

RE: New Hampshire Department of Transportation – Proposed Abandonment of Rail Line Between Littleton, NH and Bethlehem, NH

Dear Sir or Madam:

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has filed with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) a Notice of Exemption, Docket AB-1237, Sub. #1X, to abandon a section of rail line between Littleton, NH and Bethlehem, NH. The Notice of Exemption was filed on January 28, 2019.

The rail line to be abandoned is 6.86 miles in length and is located between Station 995+66 (MP 113) and Station 1359+77 (MP 119) of the so-called Berlin Branch. No rail traffic has moved on this line for at least two years; the last known rail traffic was in 1998.

Enclosed is the Environmental Report covering the subject Line. Please contact my office with any questions or comments at your earliest convenience. You may reach me by email at <a href="mailto:jackedodd@comcast.net">jackedodd@comcast.net</a>.

Yours truly,