

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 1439.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

Submitted July 14, 1921.

Decided July 20, 1921.

Certificate issued authorizing the abandonment of a branch line
of railroad in Coos county, N. H.

W. A. Cole for applicant.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

DIVISION 4, COMMISSIONERS MEYER, DANIELS, EASTMAN AND POTTER.

BY DIVISION 4:

The Boston & Maine Railroad, a carrier by railroad subject to the interstate commerce act, on May 12, 1921, filed an application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity permit the abandonment of a branch line of the applicant's railroad extending from the station of Cherry Mountain to the station of Jefferson, both in Coos county, N. H., a distance of 3.5 miles. No representations were made by the authorities of the state of New Hampshire either for or against the granting of the application. The case was submitted without formal hearing.

The line in question was built in 1892 for the accommodation of summer resort travel to and from a hotel and numerous cottages in the town of Jefferson. Practically no freight is handled. No service has been afforded except during the summer months. From June 25 to September 25 in each year applicant's trains on its Whitefield-Berlin line have been run over the branch in question to Jefferson and return. The growth of automobile travel has caused a steady diminution in the passenger traffic handled, so that in 1919 and 1920 the average number of passengers per train was three. In 1920, total freight revenues were \$88.40 and total passenger revenues \$319.65. Expenses of operation and maintenance greatly exceed the gross revenues. The summer resorts in the town of Jefferson are readily accessible over good highways to stations on applicant's main line or on a line of the Maine Central Railroad, the latter within a distance of 2.5 miles. There is no prospect that any new traffic will be available in the future.

There being no substantial need for continued operation of the branch, we find that the present and future public convenience and necessity permit its abandonment. A certificate to that effect

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BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD

North Station, Boston, July 29, 1921

Mr. Hustis	Mr. Lamoure	Mr. Folsom
Mr. Hobbs	Mr. Bradley (3)	Mr. Stackpole
Mr. Hudson (2)	Mr. Cruwys	Mr. Scott
Mr. Pollock (2)	Mr. Corthell (2)	Mr. Mayo (2)
Mr. Fort	Mr. Merrill	Mr. Watson (2)
Mr. Grant	Mr. Mooney	Mr. Miller

Contract C. 34532

Dear Sir:

Herewith for your information and file, copy of
the following **report and certificate**
between **Interstate Commerce Commission**
and **Boston and Maine Railroad**

Description **abandoning Waumbek Branch**

Located at

Dated **July 20, 1921**

A. B. Nichols,
Clerk of Corporation

A. B. Nichols
Supervisor of Contracts

Please acknowledge receipt attached.

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CERTIFICATE.

At a Session of the INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, Division 4,
held at its office in Washington, D. C., on the 20th day
of July, A. D., 1921.

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

It is hereby certified, That the present and future public convenience and necessity permit the abandonment by the Boston & Maine Railroad of its line of railroad between Jefferson and Cherry Mountain, N. H., described in the application and report aforesaid.

It is ordered, That said Boston & Maine Railroad be, and it is hereby, authorized to abandon said line of railroad.

It is further ordered, That said Boston & Maine Railroad, when filing schedules cancelling tariffs applicable to said line of railroad, shall in such schedules make specific reference to this certificate by title, date and docket number.

By the Commission, Division 4:

(SEAL)

GEORGE B. MCGINTY.

Secretary.