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RE: Submission Packets, FCC Form 620, for proposed Positive Train Control Telecommunications Projects, Rockport, Haverhill, and Newburyport Commuter Rail Lines, Multiple Addresses, MA. MHC #RC.59227-59244, 59268-59278, 59295-59308, 59310-59326, 59346-59356

Dear Mr. Rice:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission have reviewed the multiple FCC Form 620, received at this office on November 27, 2015, December 4, 2015, December 8, 2015, December 10, 2015, and December 11, 2015 for the projects referenced above.

The proposed projects consist of the construction of monopoles within existing active railroad right of ways at multiple locations in Massachusetts. The information provided indicates that the project will require permitting from the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and the approval of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

Review of the MHC’s files and the information submitted indicates that the following projects as proposed are unlikely to affect any significant historic or archaeological resources:

Rockport Commuter Rail Line
11 Hodgkins Road, Rockport, MA; MHC# RC. 59227
241-249 Route 127, Rockport, MA; MHC# RC. 59228
34 Dory Road, Gloucester, MA; MHC# RC. 59229
4 Day Court, Gloucester, MA; MHC# RC. 59232
25 Lyndale Avenue, Gloucester, MA; MHC# RC. 59233
365 Magnolia Avenue, Gloucester, MA; MHC# RC. 59234
262 Magnolia Avenue, Gloucester, MA; MHC# RC. 59235
99 Klonelin Road, Gloucester, MA; MHC# RC. 59236
6 Ledgewood Circle, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA; MHC# RC. 59237
174 Common Lane, Beverly, MA; MHC# RC. 59242
386 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA; MHC# RC. 59244

Haverhill Commuter Rail Line
45R Florence Street, Malden, MA; MHC# RC. 59268
214-232 Rims Edge Drive, Medford, MA; MHC# RC. 59269
592 North Avenue, Wakefield, MA; MHC# RC. 59271
14 Somerset Place, Wilmington, MA; MHC# RC. 59274
12-46 Kilmarnock Street, Wilmington, MA; MHC# RC. 59275
58 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA; MHC# RC. 59276
10 Pilgrim Road, Reading, MA; MHC# RC. 59278
115 Richardson Road, Melrose, MA; MHC# RC. 59296
2 Burnha, Road, Andover, MA; MHC# RC. 59298
326 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA; MHC# RC. 59299
Vale Trail, Andover, MA; MHC# RC. 59301
69-95 Sutton Street, North Andover, MA; MHC# RC. 59304
Along I-495, North Andover, MA; MHC# RC. 59305
1692-1798 MA-125, North Andover, MA; MHC# RC. 59306
96-158 Ferry Road, Haverhill, MA; MHC# RC. 59307

Newburyport Commuter Rail Line
96 Bennett Street, Lynn, MA; MHC# RC 59310
50 Silsbee Street, Lynn, MA; MHC# RC. 59311
132-134 Canal Street, Salem, MA; MHC# RC 59312
9-31 Ellingwood Court, Beverly, MA; MHC# RC. 59313
23-25 Tozer Road, Beverly, MA; MHC# RC. 59315
28 Main Street, Wenham, MA; MHC# RC. 59316
225-365 Cutler Road, Hamilton, MA; MHC# RC. 59318
215 County Road, Ipswich, MA; MHC# RC. 59320
798 Colonial Drive, Ipswich, MA; MHC# RC. 59321
76 Mitchell Road, Ipswich, MA; MHC# RC. 59322
2-40 Oyster Point Road, Ipswich, MA; MHC# RC. 59323
58 Red Gate Road, Rowley, MA; MHC# RC. 59324
Keat Island Road, Newbury, MA; MHC# RC. 59325
82 Boston Road, Newbury, MA; MHC# RC. 59326
120 VFW Parkway, Revere, MA; MHC# RC. 59349
543 North Shore Road, Revere, MA; MHC# RC. 59350
342 2nd Street, Everett, MA; MHC# RC. 59352
324 Essex Street, Swampscott, MA; MHC# RC. 39354
52 Rickman Street, Salem, MA; MHC# RC. 59355
199 US Route 1, Newbury, MA; MHC# RC. 59356

The following projects are within or adjacent to areas included in the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth that are either listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. After review of MHC's files and the information submitted, MHC has determined that the proposed projects will have "no adverse effect" (36 CFR 800.5(b)) on the historic properties that may be present within the project areas.

Rockport Commuter Rail Line
6 Willow Street, Gloucester, MA; MHC# RC. 59230 [Central Gloucester Historic District (GLO.A)]
18 Whittenmore Street, Gloucester, MA; MHC# RC. 59231 [First Parish Burial Ground (GLO.BA)]
21 Summer Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA; MHC# RC. 59238 [Manchester Village Historic District (MAN.B)]
6 Tucks Point Road, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA; MHC# RC. 59239 [Harbor Street Area (MAN.C)]
17 Boardman St, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA; MHC# RC. 59240 [Harbor Street Area (MAN.C)]
669 Hale Street, Beverly, MA; MHC# RC. 59241 [Beverly Farms Estate (BEV.X)]
265 Essex Street, Beverly, MA; MHC# RC. 59243 [Essex and Cole Street Area (BEV.AD)]

Haverhill Commuter Rail Line
93 Pleasant Street, Melrose, MA; MHC# RC. 59270 [Melrose National Guard Armory (MEL.364)]
1 Railroad Avenue, Wakefield, MA; MHC# RC. 59272 [Dr. Solon O. Richardson House (WAK.135)]
797-811 Main Street, Wakefield, MA; MHC# RC. 59273 [Samuel Gourd House (WAK.196)]
19 Vine Street, Reading, MA; MHC# RC. 59277 [Wendell Bancroft House (REA.118)]
149-165 Vinter Street, Melrose, MA; MHC# RC. 59295 [Lynn Falls Parkway (MEL.E)]
43 River Street, Andover, MA; MHC# RC. 59300 [Ballardvale Historic District (ANV.D)]
2 Groton Street, Lawrence, MA; MHC# RC. 59302 [Sacred Heart Parish Complex (LAW.R)]
65 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA; MHC# RC. 59303 [American Woolen Mill Housing District (LAW.E)]
49 Haverhill Road, Andover, MA; MHC# RC. 59308 [Shawsheen Village Historic District (ANV.A)]

Newburyport Commuter Rail Line
Cummings Center, Beverly, MA; MHC# RC. 59314 [United Show Machinery Corporation Plant (BEV.AE)]
89 Asbury Street, Hamilton, MA; MHC# RC. 59317 [Community House (HAM.9)]
102 High Street, Ipswich, MA; MHC# RC. 59319 [High Street District (IPS.K)]
Moulton Place, Somerville, MA; MHC# RC. 59346 [Middlesex Canal (SMV.BE)]
61-99 Mill Court, Chelsea, MA; MHC# RC. 59347 [Forbes Lithograph Manufacturing Company (CLS.U)]
641 Broadway, Chelsea, MA; MHC# RC. 59348 [Bellingham Square Historic District (CLS.A)]
These comments are provided to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800) and the terms of the FCC Programmatic Agreement and FCC’s Positive Trail Control Program Comment. If you have questions please contact Linda Santoro at this office.

Sincerely,

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