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NS-ST DEAL

List of commenters: 72 in all.

Impact on Maine: No service improvement.*

Ayer switching agreement: list of customers retained by ST.*

More on Maine: Committee to Improve Maine.

STB decision: 'Minor transaction', again.

ST management: Not competent, per filing.

OTHER REGIONAL ISSUES

Blue Seal: Update on facilities, supports deal.

MMA: The railroad is not for sale.*

CONNECTICUT

HRRC: Extend MNCR service to New Milford?*

MAINE

MDOT: HNTB, HDR will do rail plan.

MDOT: IRAP awards.

Amtrak: Ridership way up; add a sixth train?*

MMA: More on IRAP.

MMA/ST: Competing for pellets to Orrington.*

ST: Knight-Celotex mill suspends operation.

ST: Verso two-week shutdown in Bucksport.*

Mountain Division: MDOT completes the buy.

Eastport: Supports NS-ST deal.

MASSACHUSETTS

MCER: Pellets will arrive at Wildwood transload.*

NECR: Palmer wood pellet transload closed.*

ST: Proposes to rehab Newly Weds siding.

ST: B&D gets new rail customers, pro NS-ST.

ST: Sterilite needs rail, supports NS-ST deal.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

[No report.]

RHODE ISLAND

[No report.]

VERMONT

Vermont road salt: Bids only one, Cargill wins.*

Town road salt: Only one bid, Cargill re-enters.*

VRS/NHCR: Gilman revival part of St.J project.*

VRS: Wood pellets will arrive in Middlebury.**

MARITIMES/QUÉBEC

CBNS: Fees still too high for private crossings?

Halifax: Wants India products such as auto parts.*

New OOCL Suez service does not call Halifax.*

RAIL SHIPPERS/RECEIVERS

A cross-reference to companies mentioned here.

PEOPLE, POSITIONS, EVENTS

Fred Yocum, Donald Gardner, Steven King

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Wood pellets!

Nearly everyone wants to move them by rail, but Palmer transload is closed. Eastport, Lawrence, Barre, Middlebury, and even waste pellets to Orrington.

- Chop Hardenbergh
(A week of vacation.)

Next issue: 22 August.

Common abbreviations: BCLR - Bay Colony RR, BML - Belfast & Moosehead Lake RR, CBNS - Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Ry, CCCR - Cape Cod Central RR, CCRR - Claremont Concord RR, CFQ - chemins de fer Québec System, CMAQ - congestion-mitigation or air quality (money from the US federal government for these purposes), CN - Canadian National Ry, CNZR - Central New England RR, ConnDOT - Connecticut Department of Transportation, CP - Canadian Pacific Ry, CSO - Connecticut Southern RR, CSRX - Conway Scenic RR, CSXI - CSX Intermodal, CSXT - CSX Transportation (railroad), EOT - Mass. Exec. Office of Transportation, GRS - Guilford Rail System (Maine Central RR, Portland Terminal RR, Boston & Maine, all leased by ST - Springfield Terminal Ry), GTI - parent to GRS, GWI - Genesee & Wyoming Inc, FHWA - Federal Highway Admin., FRA - Federal Rail Admin., FRTC - Fore River Transportation Co., FTA - Federal Transit Admin., HRRC - Housatonic RR, MERR - Maine Eastern RR, MBCR - Mass. Bay Commuter RR, MBRX - Milford-Bennington RR, MBTA - Mass. Bay Transportation Authority, MCER - Mass. Central RR, MDOT - Maine Department of Transportation, MERR - Maine Eastern RR, MMA - Montréal, Maine and Atlantic Ry, MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization, MTQ - Québec Ministry of Transport, NAUG - Naugatuck RR, NBDOT - New Brunswick Department of Transportation, NBSR - New Brunswick Southern Ry, NECR - New England Central RR, NEGS - New England Southern RR, NHCR - New Hampshire Central RR, NHDOT - NH Department of Transportation, NHN - New Hampshire Northcoast RR, NNEPRA - Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority, NS - Norfolk Southern Railway, NSDOT - Nova Scotia Department of Transportation, Pan Am - new name for GRS, PVR - Pioneer Valley RR, PW - Providence & Worcester RR, QCR - Quebec Central Ry, RIDOT - Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Seaview-Seaview Transportation Company, SLQ - St.Lawrence & Atlantic Ry (Québec), SLR - St.Lawrence&Atlantic RR, TIRR - Turner's Island LLC, TEU - twenty-foot equivalent unit (measure of container traffic, equal to a 20x8x8 foot box), VAOT - Vermont Agency of Transportation, VRS - Vermont Rail System (Green Mt. RR Company GMRC + Vermont Ry VTR + Clarendon&Pittsford RR CLP + Washington County RR WACR), WHRC - Windsor and Hantsport Ry.