

**BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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Finance Docket No. 36623

**RAIL LINE ABUTTING LANDOWNERS. -  
PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER**

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**SUDBURY VALLEY TRUSTEES FILING IN SUPPORT**

Sudbury Valley Trustees ("SVT") respectfully submit this filing in support of the Rail Line Abutting Landowners Petition for Declaratory Order. SVT is a nonprofit land trust that conserves vital natural areas in the region between Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts. Sudbury Valley Trustees work to protect natural areas and farmland for wildlife and people in the 36 communities that surround the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers.

The Sudbury Valley Trustees own the property that abuts the former Mass Central railroad right of way. SVT owns 4,000 linear feet along the MBTA right-of-way. This 220-acre SVT property is known as the General Federation of Women's Clubs Memorial Forest (commonly known as "Memorial Forest"). SVT have managed this land and abutting conservation lands owned by the Women's Federation for over 20 years.

As a rail line abutting landowner, SVT respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board make an official determination regarding whether the railroad right of way is ACTIVE or ABANDONED." SVT also understand that construction of the transmission line is imminent, so it urges the STB to act expeditiously.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1104.12, I hereby certify that on September 26, 2022, I served a copy of this Filing on counsel known to represent the following parties by the most expedient method, including email and first-class mail:

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