MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ROCKLAND BRANCH

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

Question: If no proposal is financially viable will Maine DoT offer a track maintenance subsidy to maintain a state of good repair?

Response: MaineDOT may provide an operating subsidy for scheduled passenger rail services. See Section B. 3:

Respondents should include in their proposals: Subsidy and payment framework of any costs to be paid by MaineDOT or NNEPRA for any scheduled passenger operations on the branch connecting to the Amtrak Downeaster at Brunswick.

Question: You provided current freight customer data in the RFP is historical data available that shows customers that have shipped in the past but not recently?

Response: Current customers are listed in Appendix 4.

Question: Can you identify all customers that have rail access? Customers with a siding? And customers that have used a translator point.

Response: MaineDOT does not have this information. Respondents should schedule a hi-rail inspection to review inactive siding locations.