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Docket AB-768X
Mohawk, Adirondack and Northern RR Corp.
Abandonment Exemption
Docket AB 180X
Lowville and Beaver River Railroad
Abandonment Exemption

Dear Ms. Brown,

This letter is in response to the letter from John K. Fiorella, dated November 15, 2024.

It is imperative that the Surface Transportation Board (STB) continue a thoughtful and deliberate approach to the above referenced proceedings and not feel pressured by the applicants.

This issue and how it is resolved is vital to the industrial and agricultural future of Lewis County.

The STB must continue to examine all issues pertinent to the request for abandonment among them remaining issues such as: Dicob comments concerning flooding, Krug comments concerning prime agricultural land and land use, Bishop comment addressing land use and impact of track removal, Mooney comments addressing tribal lands, Lyndaker comments addressing contaminated soil, and Dicob comments responding to Lewis County's statements regarding flooding concerns.

Given the issues that have been raised and the importance of railroads to Lewis County's I urge that the Abandonment requests in the above referenced proceedings be denied. I am sending a copy of this request to all the parties on the list for both dockets.

Respectfully submitted,

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