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RE: STB Docket No AB-768

Sir:

I am writing to oppose the application by the Mohawk, Adirondack and Northern Railroad Corporation for abandonment and discontinuance of service application, as referenced in STB Docket No AB-768

This railroad line is located primarily in Lewis County, and the two largest industries in our County are Agriculture and Forestry which require tons and tons of freight IN (in the form of fuel, fertilizers, lubricants, seed and lime) and freight OUT (in the form of milk, harvested crops, harvested logs, pulp and processed wood products). I will not argue that this rail line has lain unused for the past several years, but I do recognize that to meet our current National and State climate change/energy initiatives we must be looking for ways to utilize this existing rail line to provide energy efficient transportation for our agricultural and forest products.

It is a proven fact that rail transportation is 3-4 times more affordable and fuel efficient than truck transportation. With the Climate Agenda at the top of our National consciousness these days it seems ludicrous that we would abandon any rail lines at all, especially rail lines that could be used to revitalize the economy and significantly cut carbon emissions in our nation, including here in Lewis County.

This section of railroad currently has existing railheads and switching capabilities that readily lend themselves to the import and export of Agricultural, Forestry and many other products in a manner that would be more cost effective and less polluting than truck transportation which we currently utilize.

Thank you for your consideration of my views and concerns .

Sincerely,

Dennis Bishop

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