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Re: Genesee Valley Transportation filing for abandonment

Lowville Beaver River Rail Line (Docket # AB-180)

Mohawk Adirondack & Northern Railroad (Docket # AB 768)

From: Richard Meyer – Owner of Meyer Wood Products and Meyer Trucking Inc.

I am writing to oppose the abandonment request by Genesee Valley Transportation for the **Lowville Beaver River Rail Line (Docket # AB-180)** that connects Lowville, NY to Croghan N.Y. and the **Mohawk Adirondack & Northern Railroad (Docket # AB 768)**

Climate Change has become aggressive initiative at both the New York State level and at the Federal level. The New York Initiative to reduce carbon emissions calls for a 70% reduction in emissions by 2030 and a 100% reduction by 2040.

The federal government, through recent legislation, has stressed rebuilding our infrastructure and investment in many alternative energy sources.

These goals will require a change from petroleum-based fuels to electric powered vehicles along with adequate recharging stations.

The above referenced rail lines must be viewed as central to carbon reduction efforts as they will play a key role in current and future industrial development in Lewis County.

I own a trucking business and wood yard. Having a rail line to transport the wood products to lumber businesses would greatly help my business financially.

Shipping by rail is far more efficient than transportation by tractor trailer truck and it is unlikely that electric tractor trailer type trucks will be able to handle the shipment of products from the county, during our severe winter months.

Railroads will be seen, as the future in both Climate Change policy and efficient transportation of industrial supplies and agricultural products.

It also must be stressed that rail lines themselves may soon be converted to electric making them even more advantageous. Many foreign countries have converted to electric rail and abandoning more railroads will put the United States even further behind our competitors in developing clean and efficient transportation.

Lewis County consistently ranks as one of the poorest County's in New York State. Abandonment of these rail lines will only add to local economic problems and the problem of being transportation underserved.

I ask that you consider my opposition to the abandonment of the Lowville Beaver River Railroad and Mohawk Adirondack & Northern Railroad by GVT.

Respectfully,
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CC: Parties of Record