

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

STB DOCKET NO AB-768X

**MOHAWK, ADIRONDACK & NORTHERN RAILROAD CORPORATION
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION, IN LEWIS AND JEFFERSON
COUNTIES, N.Y.**

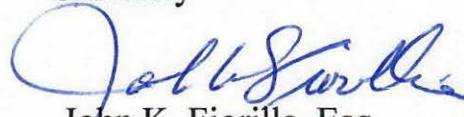
**STB DOCKET NO AB -180X
THE LOWVILLE & BEAVER RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY-
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION- IN LEWIS COUNTY, N.Y.
RESPONSE TO COMMENTS OF BRUCE KRUG AND DENNIS BISHOP**

Recently Bruce Krug and Dennis Bishop filed essentially similar comments regarding the Notice of Exemptions filed by The Lowville & Beaver River Railroad Company (hereinafter LBRR) and the Mohawk Adirondack and Northern Railroad Corporation (hereinafter the MAN). The comments discussed:

1. Whether or not the land which was adjacent to the property to be abandoned were "prime agricultural land". While the applicants believe it is not prime agricultural land and Mr. Krug and Mr. Bishop appear to think it is, abandoning the railroads will not affect that land and it certainly can remain in agriculture. It clearly does not need nor has used rail service in more than fifteen years.
2. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Krug question whether or not the LBRR and MAN connect to the interstate railroad system. Both properties do continue to connect to a Class 1 carrier. The MAN connects from Lyons Falls to Utica NY where it connects with CSX. The LBRR connects in Lowville, NY to

the MAN which in turn connects with the CSX in Carthage, NY. Therefore, both LBRR and MAN are railroads in interstate commerce and the STB has jurisdiction over both railroads.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John K. Fiorilla".

John K. Fiorilla, Esq.

CC All Parties on Service List