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The Honorable Elise Stefanik
2211 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Stefanik,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad Corporation—Abandonment Exemption—in Lewis and Jefferson Counties, NY, Docket Number AB 768X, and The Lowville & Beaver River Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Lewis County, NY, Docket Number AB 180X.

In September, the Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railroad Corporation (MAN) and The Lowville & Beaver River Railroad Company (LBRR) filed notices of exemption to abandon the Lowville-Carthage Line and the Lowville-Croghan Line, respectively. On September 25, 2023, the Board, through the Director of Proceedings, issued a decision finding that the notices raised certain issues requiring further clarification, including questions regarding ownership interest in the lines. The decision required MAN and LBRR to supplement the record by October 10, 2023, and postponed the effective dates of the exemptions in Docket Nos. AB 768X and AB 180X until further order of the Board.

In addition to MAN and LBRR's additional information, several comments were filed in the dockets as well. On October 16, 2023, the Railway Historical Society of Northern New York filed a petition for stay, which MAN and LBRR oppose.

Because these matters are pending, I cannot comment further at this time. However, please be assured that the Board will fully consider all comments and submissions in these proceedings. A copy of your letter and this response has been placed in the public docket. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact my office at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Janie Sheng
Director
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and Compliance