

**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 OF MOHAWK, ADIRONDACK & NORTHERN RAILROAD
CORPORATION (MAN) AND THE LOWVILLE & BEAVER RIVER
RAILROAD COMPANY (LBRR) TO UNDATED LETTER OF BARRY
LYNDAKER FILED ON APRIL 8, 2025**

On or about April 7, 2025 Barry Lyndaker filed a letter regarding both dockets noted above. In his letter Mr. Lyndaker admitting that his filing was late claimed that there was contaminated soil which had been placed upon the railroads noted above by the County of Lewis. He then says that the application by both railroads for abandonment should be denied by the Board.

Mr. Lyndaker seems to be ignoring the Board's Decision in these dockets of January 14, 2025 in which the Board at page 8 notes that "once abandonment authority is granted, MAN and LBRR will consummate the abandonment authority

and convey their property interests in the Lines and the Lyons Falls Track to Lewis County, which will then develop the trails.”

If there is contaminated soil on the properties of MAN and LBRR it would then be Lewis County’s responsibility to deal with it when the property is abandoned especially if Lewis County placed the contaminated soil on railroad property as Mr. Lyndaker alleges.

For these reasons we ask the Board to grant the abandonment of the Lines requested in the above noted Dockets.

Sincerely,

John K. Fiorilla

Cc: All Parties by US Mail