ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

153 Brooks Road Rome, New York 13441-4105 315) 338-0393

August 19, 2005

To:

Addressees Set Forth in Schedule A

Re:

Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railway Corporation

Dear Sir/Madam:

On September 27, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. local time at Oneida County Planning Department, 321 Main Street, Utica, New York the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will conduct a public hearing regarding a proposed project for Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railway Corporation. Attached is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing describing the project and the financial assistance contemplated by the Agency. The Notice has been submitted to the Observer-Dispatch and the Rome-Sentinel for publication.

You are welcome to attend such hearing at which time you will have an opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present your views with respect to the project. We are providing this notice to you, pursuant to Chapters 356 and 357 of the Laws of 1993, as the chief executive officer of an affected tax jurisdiction within which the project is located.

Should you desire to discuss this matter or if you have any questions concerning this notice please feel free to contact Shawna M. Papale at the Agency at telephone number 388-0393.

Very truly yours,

ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: Shawra M. Pupale (at)
Shawna M. Papale, Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, will be held by the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 27th day of September 2005 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., local time, at the Oneida County Planning Department, 321 Main Street, Utica, New York 13501 in connection with the following matters:

Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern Railway Corporation (the "Company"), has applied to the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") to enter into a transaction in which the Agency will amend and modify the existing Lease and Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement between the Agency and the Company to extend the term of the Lease through December 31, 2012 and provide for 100% exemption from real property taxes in exchange for the Company's agreement to afford reasonable access to its property and to limit charges by the Company to municipalities for use and access to Company property to an amount equal to the actual out of pocket expenses of the Company attendant therewith. The affected real property is located in the Towns of Steuben, Boonville, Holland Patent, Remsen, Trenton and Marcy and the Cities of Utica and Rome in the County of Oneida.

The agreement respecting tax exemption and access charges deviates from the standard policy of the Agency.

A representative of the Agency will at the above-stated time and place hear and accept written comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to the proposed financial assistance to the Company.

ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Dated: August 18, 2005

By: /s/ Robert R. Calli

Chairman

SCHEDULE A

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