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Federal Railroad Administration

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Dear Mr. Chaudruc:

This letter responds to the Adirondack Railroad's (ADIX) submission dated December 4, 2024, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), seeking approval of its material modifications to the ADIX Engineer Certification Program, which FRA received on December 4, 2024. ADIX has complied with FRA's procedures for submitting and approving programs, as described in Appendix B to 49 CFR Part 240. FRA reviewed the railroad's program modifications and determined that they conform to the requirements of 49 CFR part 240 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission package states that no labor organizations represent the railroad's employees.

The program modifications are consistent with the model of the previously approved railroad programs. FRA understands that the modifications are intended to provide more detail to the engineer certification process and updated contact information. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 240, appendix B. The improvements enhance qualifications for DLSEs. Standards have been set concerning re-qualifying over a specific territory. Detailed training standards have been established in Section Five of your engineer training program.

Please continue in your efforts to improve railroad safety on your system.

Please contact us with any questions regarding this submission at (202) 366-0978 or <u>FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov</u> or <u>Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov</u> or <u>Kurt.Erickson@dot.gov</u>

Sincerely,

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