

**BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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MONTREAL, MAINE & ATLANTIC	)	
RAILWAY LTD. – DISCONTINUANCE OF	)	Docket No. AB-1043
SERVICE AND ABANDONMENT – IN	)	(Sub-No. 1)
AROOSTOOK AND PENOBSCOT	)	
COUNTIES, MAINE	)	
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**LOUISIANA-PACIFIC CORPORATION'S  
CONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTIONS AND SUPPORT FOR  
JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT**

As described in the Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement filed by Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd. (“MMA”) and the State of Maine, Department of Transportation (the “State”), the MMA and the State have announced that they have reached a settlement providing for the purchase by the State of MMA’s rail lines that are the subject of this abandonment proceeding, along with, *inter alia*, the incorporation of certain related trackage rights and interchange agreements. As part of the settlement, the State has agreed to withdraw its opposition to MMA’s abandonment application subject to certain terms and conditions.

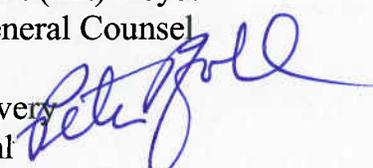
Louisiana-Pacific Corporation (“LP”) has not been provided a copy, and is not privy to, all of the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement and related agreements, which the parties have represented that they are currently attempting to finalize, with an anticipated closing no later than December 31, 2010. However, based on the representations made in the Joint Petition (and previously) concerning the terms and conditions of these agreements, including the commitment of the State that it is acquiring

the lines for continued rail service to meet the business needs of LP and other regional shippers, and the inclusion in the settlement of appropriate and reasonable trackage rights/access over MMA's remaining lines; and based on the assumption that the Board will enter an order at the appropriate time incorporating the STB-related conditions as requested by MMA and the State in the Joint Petition at pages 8-9, LP hereby states that it is in support of the settlement and it hereby conditionally withdraws its Comments and Protest dated April 21, 2010, its Supplemental Comments and Protest dated August 3, 2010, and its Reply Supplemental Comments dated August 10, 2010.

LP requests that the Board retain jurisdiction over the transaction in the manner described by MMA and the State at page 7-8 of their Joint Petition, so that if MMA fails or refused to close, the Board will reopen and fully reconsider its approval decision and reconsider the abandonment application on its merits, taking into consideration the comments and protests of LP and other protesting parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this 10th day of December, 2010, caused copies of the foregoing to be served on all known parties of record in STB Docket No. AB-1043 (Sub-No. 1).

  
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