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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB 303 (SUB-NO. 56X)

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN KAUKAUNA, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (“WCL”) submits this Environmental/Historic Report in compliance with the reporting requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8 and in support of a Notice of Exemption that it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board on or after September 8, 2020. Supporting correspondence and certifications are appended. It is the conclusion of this Report that the proposed abandonment, if implemented, will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)

1. Proposed Action and Alternatives. WCL seeks to abandon its line of railroad extending from approximately milepost 114.00 to the end of track at milepost 113.70 in Kaukauna, Wisconsin (the “Line”). The Line is situated in Outagamie County, Wisconsin and extends a total distance of approximately 0.30 miles. The Line was the subject of a previous abandonment exemption as an element of a larger track segment (*See, Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Abandonment Exemption—in Kaukauna, Outagamie County, Wis., Docket No. AB-303 (Sub No. 40X) (STB served March 20, 2013)*). Abandonment authority in the prior docket was lapsed for this small segment of the larger abandonment by WCL, while the remainder of the rail line in

that abandonment docket (from milepost 113.7 to milepost 112.9) was conveyed by WCL pursuant to a Trail Use/Railbanking Purchase Agreement.

No alternative to abandonment is reasonable or desirable. The City of Kaukauna plans to acquire a portion of the Line to implement a bridge to connect two existing trails. The bridge and trail connection will not be possible unless WCL abandons its common carrier status on the Line. WCL anticipates conveyance of a portion of the right of way post-abandonment to facilitate the construction and use of the new pedestrian bridge to span the Fox River.

The Line has not been required to serve any customer in many years. The Line was previously used for general freight traffic. There have been no rail shipments of any kind on the Line in the last two years, and no reasonable possibility for the development of new rail traffic exists. There are no structures on the Line.

Following abandonment, WCL intends to salvage rail, ties and track materials from the Line, or will allow removal by any purchaser of the right of way. The railbed and subgrade of the Line will remain in place and not be disturbed by WCL, although modification of the right of way may occur if any portion of the Line is transferred to the City of Kaukauna.

A map showing the location of the Line is attached herein as **Appendix A.**¹

2. Transportation System. WCL does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be affected by the proposed abandonment. No rail service is currently provided on the Line. Thus, no traffic will be diverted to other transportation systems

¹ A draft of this Environmental/Historic Report, including a map, was served on all required parties on August 17, 2020. A revised map, appended hereto as Exhibit A, was served on those same parties on August 25, 2020.

or modes as a result of the proposed abandonment. There is no overhead traffic on the Line, and no passenger trains are operated over the Line.

WCL has contacted and requested comments from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation (DOT). See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix B**. The DOT has made no comments to date. WCL has also contacted and requested comments from the National Geodetic Survey. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix C**. The NGS has made no comments to date.

3. Land Use.

(i) WCL does not foresee any inconsistency with regional and/or local land use plans. WCL has extensively discussed use of a portion of the right of way with the City of Kaukauna for a trail extension. WCL has contacted and requested comments from the Outagamie County Board. See attached correspondence attached herein as **Appendix D**. WCL has received no comments to date.

(ii) The proposed abandonment lies entirely within the city limits of Kaukauna, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, and WCL is unaware of prime agricultural farmland in the vicinity of the Line. The Natural Resources Conservation Service has been contacted and comments requested. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix E**. WCL has received no comments to date.

(iii) The Line does not lie within a designated Coastal Zone Management Area and, accordingly, the proposed abandonment will not affect any land or water uses in such an area or result in any coastal impacts. WCL has contacted the Office of Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, and the Wisconsin Department of

Administration to determine whether the proposed abandonment is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water quality standards. See correspondence attached hereto as **Appendices F, G, H and I respectively**. No responses have been received to date.

(iv) WCL is undertaking the abandonment of this short segment of track to facilitate the construction and use of a new pedestrian bridge to span the Fox River and connect two existing trail systems in the area. Only a portion of the Line, probably less than 0.1 miles, will be needed for this purpose. WCL is not aware of any public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 for which the remainder of the Line would be suitable.

4. Energy.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. No energy resource commodities move on the Line, and WCL foresees little or no possibility that such on-line traffic would develop in the future.

(ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No such traffic has been handled on the Line in recent years, and WCL foresees little or no possibility that any online recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.

(iii) Abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. There is no freight traffic on the Line and thus there will be no changes in existing transportation patterns or energy usage as a result of the proposed abandonment.

(iv) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

5. Air.

(i) Not applicable. Abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line, (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%, or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment.

(ii) Not applicable. WCL does not believe that the Line is within a Nonattainment Area under the Clean Air Act. Abandonment of the Line will not result in any traffic changes (as no traffic has existed for at least two years), and in any event, no traffic increases which exceed the thresholds specified in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C).

(iii) Not applicable. There is no traffic on the Line proposed to be abandoned, thus no shipments of ozone-depleting materials will be diverted as a result of this abandonment.

6. Noise. Not applicable. No traffic has moved on the Line in at least two years. As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the abandonment.

7. Safety.

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety. During any salvage operations on the Line, precautions will be taken to ensure public safety.

(ii) Not applicable. To WCL's knowledge, hazardous commodities have not been handled on this Line in at least two years, and no hazardous materials will be handled on the Line if it is abandoned. Accordingly, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) To the best of WCL's knowledge, there are no known hazardous waste sites or any hazardous waste materials spills on the Line. Therefore, WCL believes that its abandonment will not have any adverse impact on this site.

8. Biological Resources.

(i) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been contacted and WCL has requested comments. **See Appendix J.** WCL has received no comments to date. Salvage operations will be handled using existing access routes. WCL thus does not believe that any critical habitat will be destroyed, altered or affected as a result of the proposed abandonment, or that any endangered or threatened species are present in the area or would be adversely affected.

(ii) The Line does not pass through or adjacent to any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges or any national or state parks or forests and, accordingly, none will be adversely affected. WCL has contacted and requested comments from the National Park Service. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix K.** There has been no response to date. WCL also contacted and requested comments from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. See correspondence attached as **Appendix L.** No comments have been received to date.

9. Water. WCL believes that the proposed abandonment of the Line is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water quality standards. The Line does not pass over any waterways. WCL does not intend to alter the contour of the roadbed underlying the Line in connection with the proposed abandonment. WCL likewise does not anticipate discharge of any materials into navigable waters that would require permits under Sections 402 and 404 of the Clean Water Act.

(i) WCL has contacted the US Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to determine whether the proposed

abandonment is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water and air quality standards. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendices M and L, respectively**. There have been no comments to date.

(ii) The proposed abandonment does not involve the placement of dredging or fill materials into waters of the United States, and thus a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is not required. WCL is also unaware of and designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains that would be affected by the proposed abandonment. WCL also requested comments from the Army Corps of Engineers. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix N**. There have been no comment to date.

(iii) WCL does not anticipate the discharge of any pollutants in relation to the proposed abandonment. In addition, no material will be disposed of into waterways as a part of salvage activities. Accordingly, WCL concludes that no permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act are required for abandonment. The US Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 has been solicited for comments. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix M**. No comments have been received to date.

10. Proposed Mitigation. As no adverse impact is anticipated, WCL does not propose any mitigation activities.

HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d)

1. Map. A map of the Line is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.
2. Description of Line. WCL seeks to abandon its line of railroad extending from approximately milepost 114.0 to the end of track at milepost 113.7 in Kaukauna, Wisconsin (the “Line”). The Line is situated in Outagamie County, Wisconsin and extends a total distance of approximately 0.3 miles.

3. Photographs. There are no photographs of the Line since there are no buildings, structures or bridges on the Line.

4. Information on Structures. There are no buildings, structures, or bridges within the proposed Line abandonment.

5. History of Operations. The Line was constructed in 1871-1874 by The Appleton and New London Railway Company, a predecessor of the Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western Railway Company (“MLS&W”), as part of a route between Manitowoc and Appleton, Wisconsin. Chicago & North Western Railway Company (“CNW”) acquired MSL&W in 1893. The Line and surrounding CNW trackage was acquired in 1988 by Fox River Valley Railroad Corporation, and in 1993 by Fox Valley & Western Ltd. (“FVW”), a WCL affiliate. FVW was merged into WCL in 2002. The portion of rail line beyond the current end of track at milepost 113.7 was sold under NITU in 2015. *Wisconsin Central Ltd. -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Outagamie County, WI*, Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 40X) (STB served December 15, 2009). The Line was included within the milepost limits in that docket and an exemption was received for abandonment, but because the Line was not then an element of the planned trail system, abandonment authority in that docket was allowed by WCL to lapse between milepost 114.0 and 113.7. The Line has not been required to serve any customer in many years. The Line was previously used for general freight traffic.

6. Engineering Documents. Not applicable. There are no buildings, structures or bridges of any kind located on the Line.

7. Historic Criteria. There are no buildings, structures or bridges located along the Line. WCL believes that no culturally significant locations, archaeological sites or unique landforms will be affected by the abandonment. WCL has contacted and given notice of the

proposed abandonment to the Wisconsin Historical Society (SHPO). See correspondence attached as **Appendix O**. The SHPO supplied comments in correspondence dated June 25, 2020. See correspondence attached as **Appendix O-1**. The SHPO has agreed that no historical properties will be affected.

8. Ground Disturbances. WCL is unaware of any possibility that archaeological resources may be in the area. The abandonment activities should have no impact as WCL simply intends, at most, on removing the rail and ties and leaving the right-of-way intact for possible trail-conversion purposes. Access to the Line is generally good.

Dated: September 1, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Thomas J. Healey, an attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd. (“WCL”), hereby certify that WCL has consulted with all appropriate agencies in preparing this Environmental/Historic Report, in anticipation of filing a Notice of Exemption for abandonment on or about September 8, 2020, and served each of the agencies listed below via First Class Mail, postage prepaid, with a draft copy of the foregoing Environmental - Historic Report on August 17, 2020:

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St. Paul District-Regulatory
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St. Paul, MN 55101-1678

Mr. Ken Westlake
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
DNR Service Center
2984 Shawano Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54313-6727

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Hill Farms State Transportation Bldg.
4802 Sheboygan Avenue
P.O. Box 7999
Madison, WI 53707-7999

Wisconsin Department of Administration
Wisconsin Coastal Management Program
101 E Wilson Street, 9th floor
P.O. Box 8944
Madison, WI 53708-8944

Wisconsin Historical Society
State Historic Preservation Office
816 State Street
Madison, WI 53706-1482

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August 17, 2020

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APPENDIX A

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Re: Docket AB-303 (Sub-No. 56X) Wisconsin Central Ltd.-Proposed Abandonment
in Kaukauna, Outagamie County, Wisconsin

Dear Sir/Madam:

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Thank you for your assistance.

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Wisconsin Coastal Management Program
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Kathleen Angel, Federal Consistency and
Coastal Hazards Coordinator

Re: Docket AB-303 (Sub-No. 56X) Wisconsin Central Ltd.-Proposed Abandonment
in Kaukauna, Outagamie County, Wisconsin

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Green Bay, WI 54313-6727

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Attn: Ken Westlake

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From: [Emily K. Gurney](#)
To: [Emily K. Gurney](#)
Subject: FW: WHS 20-0766 OU / Docket AB-303 (sub 56x) Abandonment of Railroad in Kaukauna: Milepost 113.7 to 114.0
Date: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:10:17 PM

From: KIMBERLY A COOK <kimberly.cook@wisconsinhistory.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Thomas J. Healey
Subject: WHS 20-0766 OU / Docket AB-303 (sub 56x) Abandonment of Railroad in Kaukauna: Milepost 113.7 to 114.0

Due to the recent global health crisis, Wisconsin SHPO Compliance staff are reviewing all projects digitally.

We have completed review of WHS#20-0766. We concur with the finding of No historic properties will be affected.

In the future you must consult our databases for each project. You can access the information a variety of ways, as described here <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS4091>

Please use this email as your official SHPO concurrence for the project. If you require a hard copy signed form, please contact me and I will do my best to provide you a signed copy as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Kimberly Cook

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