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In Re: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Finance Docket No. FD 36503
Grand Elk Railroad, Inc. Acquisition—Line of
Wisconsin Central, Ltd. in the State of Michigan

In Re: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Finance Docket No. FD 36504
Fox Valley & Lake Superior Rail System, LLC
Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line of
Wisconsin Central, Ltd. in the State of Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please consider this our Petition for Revocation of the Exemption and Stay of the Effective Date in each of the above-captioned finance dockets. Our request is substantially based on the premise that public review by the Board is necessary to carry out the transportation policy contained in 49 USC 10101, or that the transactions or service is of limited scope, or that the application is not needed to protect shippers from the abuse of market power. The Notice of Exemptions filed by both railroad applicants do not contain statements as to whether shippers will have the benefit of conditions imposed by the Board in 2001 in STB FD 34000, Canadian National, Central, Wisconsin Central, by which the Board authorized CN's control of Wisconsin Central. WATCO controls about 600 miles of railroad in the State of Wisconsin, operated by its Wisconsin & Southern Railroad.

The proposed transactions will result in the applicants acquiring over 650 miles of railroad and thus controlling more than 1,250 miles of track in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. The proposed acquisitions represent "significant transactions" under 49 CFR Part 1180 and subject to public review by the Board.

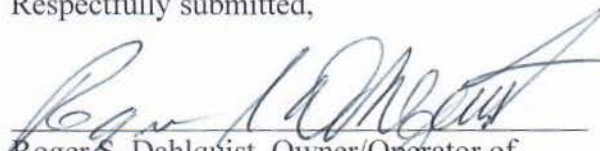
I and my family own and operate our company, Northwoods Distribution Services, Inc., located at Rhinelander, Wisconsin. We have a 75,000 sq. ft. high ceiling transload/warehouse building

served presently by CN. We have a track length of 2,300 feet running through the building on both of its sides. We serve a variety of markets, but concentrate in the wood pulp, lumber and pulp products, but provide transload services as needed by customers. We also have our own truck line to service our transload customers.

Our business has been negated, affected by poor rail service, which began with the departure of Wisconsin Central. Commitments were made which were not lived up to, concerning service and costs. Given reliable, economical service, we could substantially increase our business and bring more economic activity to the region.

For the above reasons, we respectfully request that the proposed acquisitions be subject to review by the Board, and that this petition be filed in formal dockets, FD 36503 and FD 36504.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger S. Dahlquist, Owner/Operator of
Northwoods Distribution Services, Inc. and
Dahlquist Trucking, Inc.

Cc: Parties of Record

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers
U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin
U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany
Wisconsin State Senator Mary Felzkowski
Wisconsin State Representative Rob Swearingen
Wisconsin State Representative Calvin Callahan
Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer
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