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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. FD 36503**
Grand Elk Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Wisconsin Central Ltd. in Michigan

Docket No. FD 36504
Fox Valley & Lake Superior Rail System, L.L.C.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines of Wisconsin Central Ltd. in Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Brown:

We are pleased to provide for filing in the above docket the attached letters submitted by various stakeholders in support of the above referenced transactions.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

STINSON, LLP/s/ David F. Rifkind

David F. Rifkind

Attorney for Grand Elk Railroad, Inc.,
Fox Valley & Lake Superior Railway System, L.L.C., and
Watco Holdings, Inc.

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cc: Thomas J. Litwiler
Kathryn J. Gainey
Parties of Record

April 30, 2021

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Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of Weather Shield, I am writing in support of the proposed sale of approximately 650 miles of railroad branch lines in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan by Wisconsin Central Ltd. (CN) to subsidiaries of Watco. We operate a window plant at Medford, WI on one of the lines being sold and bring product in by rail. We feel the proposed transaction will help assure the continuation of such service.

We understand that the proposed line sales are being processed at the Surface Transportation Board under the agency's exemption procedures, and we support the STB permitting the transaction to become effective through that expedited process without delay.

Very truly yours,



Jason Evert, Vinyl Division Plant Manager
Weather Shield Mfg., Inc.

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Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the McDonald Company, I am writing in support of the proposed sale of approximately 650 miles of railroad branch lines in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan by Wisconsin Central Ltd. (CN) to subsidiaries of Watco. We operate warehouses located on the CN in Green Bay, WI on a line proposed for sale. We feel the proposed transaction will help assure the continuation of such service and preserve and enhance our ability to efficiently reach the national rail network.

We understand that the proposed line sales are being processed at the Surface Transportation Board under the agency's exemption procedures, and we support the STB permitting the transaction to become effective through that expedited process without delay. We have some projects we would like to begin undertaking with Watco and are anxious to see this transaction consummated.

Very truly yours

Chester "Chip" McDonald
President

McDonald Company

cc: Parties of Record