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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Finance Docket No. 36605, Northern Illinois & Wisconsin Railway Corporation,
d.b.a. NIWX Corporation -- Control Exemption -- West Erie Short Line, Inc.

Dear Ms. Brown:

The proposed control in the above proceeding is not subject to environmental or historic reporting because a Board proceeding would be required for abandonment of the involved rail line, at which time environmental and historic reporting would be required.

This is in response to a request by a member of your staff for clarification of environmental and historic considerations.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas F. McFarland

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cc: Mr. John Howell, *john.h@niwx.com*