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Dear Tri-County Railroad Team, Clark County Economic Development Corporation & Tourism Bureau, City of Colby, and Village of Dorchester:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the line between Spencer, Wis., and Medford, Wis. As you know, Fox Valley & Lake Superior Rail System, L.L.C. (Fox Valley), acquired the line through an exemption in Grand Elk Railroad—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Wisconsin Central Ltd. in the State of Michigan, FD 36503 et al. (STB served Dec. 20, 2021).

I appreciate your concerns about the lack of service on the line. However, though you suggest that Fox Valley and its parent company, Watco Holdings, Inc., have acted in bad faith, your letter does not address the criteria for revoking an exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(d). Similarly, you advocate for a new owner for the line but have not filed an application under 49 U.S.C. § 10907 to require its sale.

I understand that you want a resumption of service on the line and to remind Fox Valley that it has a common carrier obligation. Based on Fox Valley's November 6, 2024 response to your letter, in which it describes steps it has taken to solicit traffic, it seems you and Fox Valley share the same goal. I encourage both sides to work together to bring traffic onto the line, if possible.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with the Board about the line. A copy of your letter, Fox Valley's response, and this letter have been placed in the dockets on the Board's website. Although I know that you have been in contact with the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Government Affairs, and Compliance about this issue, I urge you to continue to work with that office and Fox Valley toward a resolution.

Sincerely,

Robert Primus
Chairman