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Via e-filing

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

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Re: Finance Docket No. 35952
*Great lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. –
Authority to Construct and Operate a Rail Line in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin*

**Notice of Appearance and Request for Party of Record Status
Request for Extensions of Time**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please record our Notice of Appearance on behalf of, and accord Party of Record Status to, Save Our Farmland, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability corporation, as follows: Attorneys John Duncan Varda (jdvarda@dewittross.com) and Jordan K. Lamb (jkl@dewittross.com) DeWitt Ross & Stevens s.c., Two East Mifflin Street, Suite 600, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, telephone 608-255-8891, fax 608-252-9243.

Save Our Farmland, LLC is a coalition of Rock County, Wisconsin business owners, active farmers, community leaders and landowners who will be negatively impacted if the new rail line proposed by the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. ("GLBT") were approved as proposed, north of the Illinois/Wisconsin State Line in Rock County, Wisconsin. On July 8, 2016, Save Our Farmland timely filed in F.D. No. 35952 extensive "Comments On Draft Scope Of Study for the Environmental Impact Statement".

Save Our Farmland intends to actively participate in further proceedings in this docket and request that it be added to the Official Service List as a party of Record.

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Save Our Farmland hereby joins in and adopts the request for extensions of time e-filed on May 3, 2017 by Attorney Thomas F. McFarland, Law Offices of Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., on behalf of "Opposition Groups" listed therein and reasons stated therein, to-wit:

1. For written comments on GLBT's application as provided in 49 CFR § 1150.20(g), an extension of 55 days, so that written comments can be filed within 90 days of the filing of the application; and
2. An extension of 15 days to reply to GLBT's Motion for Protective Order, resulting in a total of 35 days to file that reply, i.e., 20 days under 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13(a) plus the requested 15-day extension.

Sincerely,

DeWitt Ross & Stevens s.c.



John Duncan Varda

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cc: All parties on the Official Service List