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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit: STB Finance Docket No. 34000
1925 K Street, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please accept this letter as the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) intent to participate in the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) proceeding, STB Finance Docket No. 34000: *Canadian National Railway Company, Grand Trunk Corporation, and WC Merger Sub, Inc. -- Control -- Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation, Wisconsin Central Ltd., Fox Valley and Western Ltd., Saulte Ste. Marie Bridge Company, and Wisconsin Chicago Link Ltd.*

On behalf of USDA, please add the following name to the service list for this proceeding as a party of record: Barbara C. Robinson, Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Room 4006-South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-0266.

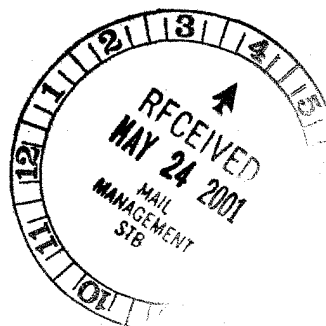
Sincerely,

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