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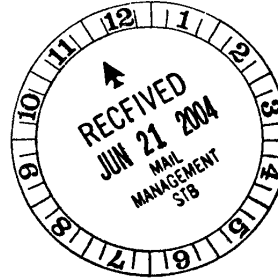
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 700
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 26X)
Wisconsin Central Ltd. – Abandonment Exemption -
Ashland County, Wisconsin

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Dear Secretary Williams:

Wisconsin Central Ltd. does not object to the request for an interim trail use and rail banking condition in the above-referenced proposed abandonment in the form that request is made by the City of Ashland, acting through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, in their June 10, 2004, correspondence to you, which correspondence is incorporated herein by reference. The railroad intends to negotiate for a possible interim trail use/rail banking agreement with the City of Ashland.

Feel free to call me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Counsel for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Encl.

cc: Mr. Allyn Lepeska, WisDOT
Mr. David Frasher, City of Ashland