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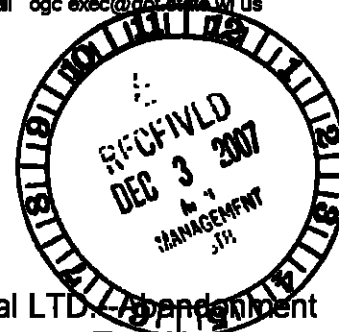
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board, Room 1149
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



RE: **STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 31X)** Wisconsin Central LTD. - Abandonment
Exemption--In Sawyer County, WI - Petition for Notice of Interim Trail Use

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Notice of Interim Trail Use filed on behalf of the County of Sawyer Wisconsin.

Please date stamp and return the duplicate copy of this transmittal letter in the prepaid, return mail envelope for verification of receipt. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE
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AB-303 (SUB-NO. 31X)

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD –
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION
IN SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF SAWYER WISCONSIN
PETITION FOR NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE

BACKGROUND

Wisconsin Central Ltd (WCL) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a Notice of Exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 1.80-mile line of railroad, from milepost 100.80 and milepost 102.60 in Hayward, Sawyer County, WI. The line traverses through United States Postal Service Zip Code 54843.

On November 29, 2007, the County of Sawyer Wisconsin (CSW) signed a Statement of Willingness to Accept Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29. This statement is for the 1.80-mile segment of WCL railroad from MP 100.80 to MP 102.60 in Hayward and the Town of Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

PURPOSE

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) petitions to obtain a notice of interim trail use for interim highway, bicycle, pedestrian and other trail purposes and railbanking pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 for CSW for specified segments of the right-of-way involved in this proceeding. CSW will use or preserve the land corridor and related real property for interim public transportation and recreational purposes (including highway, pedestrian and other

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Exhibit 1 - Statement of Willingness to Accept Responsibility
Docket No. AB-303 (SUD-NO.310)

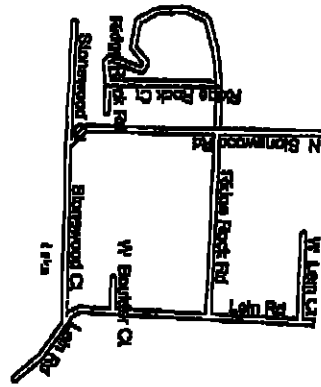


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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

AB-303 (SUB-NO. 31X)

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD -- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN HAYWARD, SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY BY
COUNTY OF SAWYER WISCONSIN
PURSUANT TO 49 CFR 1152.29

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 USC 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29, the County of Sawyer Wisconsin (CSW) is willing to assume full responsibility for management of the property it acquires from the present owner and operator, Wisconsin Central Ltd. Upon acquisition CSW is willing to assume full responsibility for its operations on the property and for the payment of any taxes or assessments that thereafter may be lawfully levied against it. The property for which CSW is making this Statement of Willingness is the a line of railroad from M.P. 100.80 to M.P. 102.60, a distance of 1.80 miles in Hayward and the Town of Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

The property CSW intends to acquire is the entire line of railroad proposed for abandonment in this proceeding, Docket No. AB-303 (SUB-NO. 31X). A map depicting the property that is to be acquired by CSW is attached to this pleading as Exhibit 1.

CSW acknowledges that use of the property is subject to the CSW's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the property for rail service. A copy of this statement is being served on the railroad, Wisconsin Central Ltd., on the same date it is being served on the Surface Transportation Board.

Kris Mayberry
County of Sawyer Wisconsin

November 29, 2007
Date

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