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Via U.S. Mail

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20424ENTERED
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Public RecordRe: Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 31X), Wisconsin Central Ltd.
- Abandonment Exemption - in Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin

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 County of Sawyer Wisconsin, acting through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, in their December 7, 2007, 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 County of Sawyer Wisconsin.

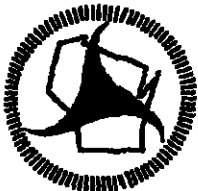
Ten copies of this letter are enclosed. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Encls.

cc: Mr. Allyn Lepeska, WisDOT

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Public RecordMr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board, Room 1149
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001RE: **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 Petition for Notice of Interim Trail Use previously filed on behalf of the County of Sawyer Wisconsin with a more clearly marked map showing the location of all needed property in Sawyer County, Wisconsin (Exhibit 1), and an amended Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility (Exhibit 2). Please replace the previously filed exhibits with the enclosed updated exhibits.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathleen Chung".

Kathleen Chung
Attorney

Enclosures

pc: Vicki Schaefer
Thomas Healey
Kathleen Chung

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

AB-303 (SUB-NO. 31X)

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

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME FINANCIAL 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, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of (unless the user is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability), and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned by the Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL), and operated by Wisconsin Central Ltd. The property for which CSW is making this Statement of Willingness the line of railroad that extends from railroad milepost 100.80 to railroad milepost 102.60, a distance of 1.80 miles in Hayward and the Town of Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB-303 (Sub-No. 31X).

A map depicting the property depicting the right-of-way is attached as Exhibit 1.

CSW acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way 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 Board.

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County of Sawyer Wisconsin
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