

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
AB-303 (SUB-NO. 31X)
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD. --
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR ABANDONMENT--
IN HAYWARD, SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**COUNTY OF SAWYER, WISCONSIN
MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO
NEGOTIATE A NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE**

BACKGROUND

On a service date of December 19, 2007, the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) served notice that Wisconsin Central, LTD (WCL) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502 and the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. That Notice of Exemption is for WCL's abandonment of a 1.80 - mile portion of its line of railroad between milepost 100.80 to milepost 102.60 in the City of Hayward, County of Sawyer, Wisconsin. This portion of the line traverses United State Postal Service Zip Code 54843.

On November 29, 2007, the County of Sawyer (CSW) signed a Statement of Willingness to Accept Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29. This statement is for the segment of WCL railroad from milepost 100.80 to milepost 102.60, a total of approximately 1.80 miles.

The Board issued a NITU under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, which was served on December 19, 2007, allowing CSW until June 16, 2008, to negotiate a rail banking agreement with WCL.

Negotiations are currently continuing in good faith between CSW and WCL. However, more time is needed to finalize negotiations. WCL is agreeable to an extension of time to continue negotiations under an NITU condition for the rail corridor between milepost 100.80 and 102.60.

MOTION

Therefore, CSW moves that the period prescribed to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement be extended for 180 days for the rail corridor between milepost 100.80 to 102.60, a total of approximately 1.80 miles in the City of Hayward, in Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing Request for Extension of the negotiating period in regards to **AB303 31X**, by electronic mail or regular mail, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1104.12, by electronic mail, this 9th day of June 2008, on all parties of record on the service list.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen Chung", is written over a horizontal line.

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