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RE **STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 26X)** Wisconsin Central Ltd--Abandonment Exemption--In Ashland County, WI -- Motion to Extend Time for Notice of Interim Trail Use

✓ **STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 29X)** Wisconsin Central LTD -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Forest County, WI -- Motion for Extension of Time to Reach Agreement on a Notice of Interim Trail Use

Dear Mr. Williams

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the City of Ashland's and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Motions to Extend Time for Notice of Interim Trail Use

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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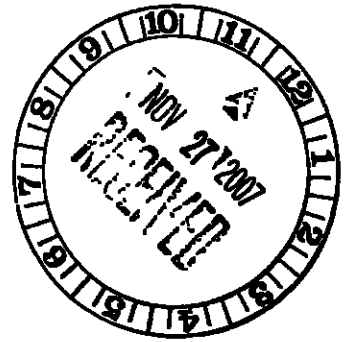
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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

AB-303 (SUB-NO. 29X)

**WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD -
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION
IN FOREST COUNTY, WISCONSIN**



**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF 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 4 62-mile line of railroad, from milepost 235 84 on the Pembine Sub (formerly milepost 249 38 on the Old Shawano Sub) near Crandon, to milepost 231 22 on the Pembine Sub (formerly milepost 254 00 on the Old Shawano Sub), in Forest County, WI The line traverses through United States Postal Service Zip Code 54520

On November 10, 2005, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR) signed a Statement of Willingness to Accept Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 C F R § 1152 29 This statement is for the 4 62 mile segment of WCL railroad starting at MP 235 84 on the Pembine Sub (f/k/a MP 249 38 on the Old Shawano Sub) and ending at MP 231 22 on the Pembine Sub (f/k/a on the Old Shawano Sub) near Crandon, Forest County, Wisconsin The Wisconsin Department of Transportation submitted a request for a notice on interim trail use on behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (collectively, the State)

On November 10, 2005, the Board served a decision on the abandonment exemption subject to conditions The Board issued a NITU under 49 CFR §1152 29, which was served on

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allyn Lepecka", written over a horizontal line.

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