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Ms. Victoria Rutson
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
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Re: **Docket No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 56X)**

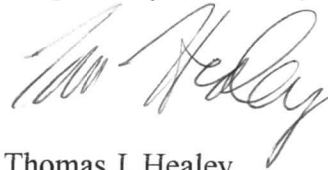
**Wisconsin Central Ltd. — Abandonment Exemption — In
Outagamie County, Wis.**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing please find a letter regarding the environmental review in this docket from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Healey

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Enclosure

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To: Thomas J. Healey <THealey@fletcher-sippel.com>;

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service received by mail a request for technical assistance with environmental review, specifically concerning threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We provide technical assistance through web-based review tools. You can access the information you're looking for regarding federally listed species that could occur in your project area through our Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system (<https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>). Through IPaC, you will be able to enter geographic and activity details for your project to generate an Official Species List that provides a list of federally listed species and designated critical habitat that may be impacted by your project. The species list will also include any species proposed for listing and any areas proposed as critical habitat that overlap with the project area. You then can refer to our [Section 7 website](#) for guidance and [technical assistance](#), including [step-by-step instructions](#) for making effects determinations for each species that might be present. If there is no habitat for the species that IPaC indicates, then the appropriate determination is No Effect. You do not need to consult further with us for No Effect determinations, simply document the logic and conclusion for your files.

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