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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Re: **Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 54X)**
Wisconsin Central Ltd. – Discontinuance of Service Exemption –
Rusk and Price Counties, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Brown:

On December 22, 2019 the Board's Office of Proceedings ("OP") contacted the undersigned counsel seeking clarification of Wisconsin Central Ltd.'s ("WCL") notice of exemption in the above-captioned matter. OP requested supplementary information regarding WCL's property interest in, and the regulatory history of, the subject line, specifically whether WCL owned the line in fee or was instead discontinuance over a line owned by another. WCL provides this supplementary filing in response to this request.

The subject Line is a segment on WCL's line from Almena, Wis. to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich; prior to its vesting in fee to WCL, the Line was owned by the Soo Line Railroad Company. *See Wisconsin Central Ltd. — Exemption and Acquisition — Certain Lines of Soo Line Railroad Company*, Docket No. FD 31102 (ICC served Jul. 28, 1988) 1; Appendix A (identifying property conveyed from Soo Line to WCL including the subject segment within a main line from Withrow, Minn to Sault Ste. Marie). While segments of the Withrow to Sault Ste. Marie line have been subject to abandonment proceedings— including Dresser, Wis. to Amery, Wis; *Wisconsin Central Ltd — Abandonment Exemption — In Polk County, Wis.*, Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 18X) (STB served Jul. 25, 2005) and Amery, Wis. to Almena, Wis.; *Wisconsin Central Ltd. — Abandonment Exemption — In Barron and Polk Counties, Wis.*, Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 4X) (ICC decided May 24, 1990)—the subject Line has not been subject to any alienation and remains subject to WCL's ownership and the jurisdiction of the Board.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bradon J. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "S".

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Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

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