

TO: U.S. Surface Transportation Board
FROM: Branch Line Railroad, LLC
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GRAND ELK RAILROAD, INC. —ACQUISITION EXEMPTION— LINES OF WISCONSIN
CENTRAL LTD. IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF GRAND ELK RAILROAD, INC.

Northwoods Distribution Services and Branch Line Railroad wish to object to the transfer of certain portions of CN Railroad's trackage located in Northern Wisconsin to GRAND ELK RAILROAD, INC without public hearings. We believe that our interests, as well as those of Northern Wisconsin agricultural, forestry and manufacturing industries, need to be heard on what is needed for reliable, timely freight railroad service.

For these reasons, we urge that full public hearings take place under the auspices of the STB before any decisions are made concerning portions of the CN Railroad's trackage and other properties are directed to GRAND ELK RAILROAD, INC.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Quick Jr." The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'R' and a cursive 'Quick Jr.'.

Robert E. Quick Jr., Branch Line Railroad, LLC