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September 28, 2007

Via Overnight Mail

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20424-0001

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Re: Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 30X), Wisconsin Central Ltd.
-Abandonment Exemption- in Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin

Dear Secretary Williams:

Wisconsin Central Ltd. intends on filing a Notice of Exemption for the above-referenced proposed abandonment any time on or after October 31, 2007. Enclosed for the above-referenced Abandonment Exemption are the following, which are required by 49 C.F.R. Part 1105:

1. An original and ten copies of the Environmental/Historic Report
2. An original and ten copies of the transmittal letter that accompanied the reports, and
3. An original and ten copies of a certificate demonstrating compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 1105

Please stamp and return the duplicate copy of this letter to my attention to indicate that you received the items listed.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for
Wisconsin Central Ltd.

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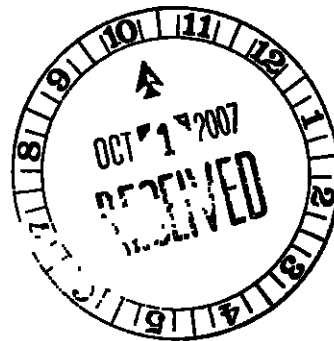
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September 28, 2007

Re: Wisconsin Central Ltd. Notice of Exemption for Abandonment – Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin - Docket AB-303 (Sub-No. 30X)

To Whom It May Concern:

Any time on or after October 31, 2007, Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon a railroad line located between milepost 43.14 and milepost 44.30, a distance of 1.16 miles, in Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Enclosed is an Environmental Report and a Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historical effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historical analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental and historic review process, please contact their Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), at the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, (202) 245-0245, and refer to the above docket number.

WCL will file the Environmental Report and Historic Report with the STB on or about September 28, 2007. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the STB (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and historical impact of the contemplated action.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at (708) 332-4381 or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd

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Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 30X)

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR
ABANDONMENT IN MANITOWOC,
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

To: **Vernon A. Williams, Secretary**
Surface Transportation Board (STB)
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20424

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH 49 C.F.R. PART 1105

I hereby certify that on September 28, 2007, copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report for the above-captioned proceeding were served on the agencies listed at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b), all agencies consulted in preparing the reports, and on the Wisconsin Department of Archives and History. A service list is attached and incorporated into this certificate as Attachment A. The reports have been sent within the time period specified, as Wisconsin Central Ltd. intends to file its Notice of Exemption in the above-captioned matter no earlier than October 31, 2007. All appropriate agencies as listed in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e) have been consulted well in advance of preparing the Environmental Report.

I also certify that a newspaper notice was published on May 3, 2007, in *The Herald-Times Reporter*, a newspaper of general circulation in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. The notice alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. A copy of the notice is attached to this certificate as Attachment B.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2007.



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ATTACHMENT A

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**Mr. Jim Ruffolo
Executive Vice President & COO
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1811 Spring Street
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**Mr. Greg Minikel
City of Manitowoc
Engineering Department
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PROOF OF PUBLICATION NOTICE

ABANDONMENT OF 1.6 MILES OF LINE OF RAILROAD BETWEEN
MILEPOST 43.14 AND MILEPOST 44.30 IN MANITOWOC
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

SS.

Manitowoc County.

Personally appeared before me

JUDY DEBAUCHE.....

who, being duly sworn, says that he is

AD SERVICES MANAGER.....of The

HERALD-TIMES-REPORTER, a daily newspaper,

printed and published at the City of Manitowoc, in

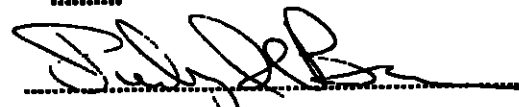
said county, and that the notice, a printed copy of

which is herewith annexed, is taken from said

paper, in which it was published.....ONCE.....on

the.....3.....day of.....MAY.....A.D.,

2007.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....4.....day of.....MAY.....

A.D., 2007.



COMMISSION EXPIRES 11/14/10

NOTICE
WISCONSIN CENTRAL
LTD. gives notice that on or
after June 1, 2007, it intends
to file with the Surface
Transportation Board,
Washington, DC 20423, a
notice of exemption under
49 CFR 1152.6 Subpart E.
Exempt Abandonments
permitting the abandon-
ment of 1.6 miles of line of
railroad between milepost
43.14 and milepost 44.30
in Manitowoc, Manitowoc
County, Michigan, which line
traverses through U.S. Postal
Zip Code 54220. The pro-
ceeding will be docketed as
AB-303 (Sub No. 30X).
The Board's Section of
Environmental Analysis (SEA)
will generally prepare an
Environmental Assessment
(EA) which will normally be
available 26 days after the
filing of the notice of exemp-
tion. Comments on environ-
mental and energy matters
should be filed no later than
15 days after the EA becomes
available to the public and
will be addressed in the Board
decision. Interested persons
may obtain a copy of the EA
or make inquiries regarding
environmental matters by
writing to the SEA, Surface
Transportation Board, 1825 K
Street, NW, Washington, DC
20423 or by calling that office
at (202) 595-1545.
Appropriate offers of finan-
cial assistance to continue
rail service can be filed with
the Board. Requests for
environmental conditions,
public use conditions, or
rail banking/trails use also
can be filed with the Board.
An original and 10 copies
of any pleading that raises
matters other than environ-
mental issues (such as trails
use, public use, and offers of
financial assistance) must be
filed directly with the Board's
Office of the Secretary, 1825
K Street, NW, Washington,
DC 20423-0001. (See 49 CFR
1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)). And
one copy must be served
on applicant's representa-
tive. (See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)).
Questions regarding offers
of financial assistance, pub-
lic use or trail use may be
directed to the Commission's
Office of Congressional and
Public Services at (202) 595-
1592. Copies of any com-
ments or requests for condi-
tions should be served on
the applicant's representa-
tive, Thomas J. Healey, (708)
332-4381 at 17841/8 Ashland
Avenue, Homewood, IL
60430.
WVAXLP
May 3, 2007

ATTACHMENT B

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-303 (SUB-NO. 30X)

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

Wisconsin Central Ltd., ("WCL") submits this Environmental/Historic Report in compliance with the reporting requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8. Supporting correspondence and certifications are attached. It is the conclusion of this Report that the proposed abandonment, if implemented, will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(c)

1. **Proposed Action and Alternatives.** WCL seeks to abandon its line of railroad extending from milepost 43.14 to milepost 44.30 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin (the "Line"), including two bridges located thereon. The Line is situated in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin and extends a total distance of approximately 1.16 miles.

The Line has not been required to serve any customer in many years. This Line was previously owned by WCL's predecessor the Soo Line Railroad Company ("Soo"), and entered the city in 1896. The mainline crossed the Manitowoc River on the swing bridge called "The Burger Bridge." One of the functions of the Soo mainline was to move cars to and from a Great Lakes ferry service that connected Manitowoc with Ludington, MI. WCL believes that the Soo Line ceased car ferry service in 1982. More recently, this Line was used to haul rocks for

breakwater construction. There have been no rail shipments of any kind on the Line in the last two years, and no reasonable possibility for the development of new rail traffic exists.

Following abandonment, WCL intends to salvage rail, ties and track materials from the Line. WCL has contracted with Burger Boat Company to sell a portion of land underneath the Line once abandonment authority is received and consummated.

No alternatives to the proposed abandonment have been considered. The only alternative is retention of the Line in its current, unused state, which would have no environmental impact.

A map showing the location of the Line is attached herein as **Appendix A**.

WCL has also contacted and requested comments from the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix B**. There has been no comment to date.

2. **Transportation System**. WCL does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be affected by the proposed abandonment. No rail service is currently provided on the Line. Thus, no traffic will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed abandonment. There is no overhead traffic on the Line, and no passenger trains are operated over the Line.

Abandonment of the Line will allow permanent closure of eight crossings, seven at grade, as follows:

- (i) Private At Grade: Milepost 43.20;
- (ii) Public RR Under: Milepost 43.43;
- (iii) Public At Grade: Milepost 43.46;
- (iv) Private At Grade: Milepost 43.47;
- (v) Private At Grade: Milepost 43.73;

- (vi) Pedestrian At Grade: Milepost 43.77;
- (vii) Private At Grade: Milepost 43.90; and
- (viii) Private At Grade: Milepost 44.07.

WCL has contacted and requested comments from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix C**. The Department has made no comments to date.

3 Land Use.

(i) WCL does not foresee any inconsistency with regional and/or local use plans, but has contacted and requested comments from the National Geodetic Survey. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix D**. There are no survey markers in the vicinity of the proposed abandonment so the National Geodetic Survey does not foresee any problems.

(ii) The proposed abandonment lies entirely within the city limits of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, has been contacted and comments requested. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix E**. There have been no comments to date.

(iii) The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program has been contacted and comments requested. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix F**. There have been no comments to date.

(iv) WCL is not aware of any alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 for which the right-of-way of this track would be suitable. As indicated above, however, WCL has contracted with Burger Boat Company to sell their interest in a part of this land once the abandonment authority is consummated.

4. Energy.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. No energy resource commodities move on the Line, and WCL foresees little or no possibility that such on-line traffic would develop in the future.

(ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No such traffic has been handled on this line for many years (if ever), and WCL foresees little or no possibility that any online recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.

(iii) Abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. There is no freight traffic on the Line and thus there will be no changes in existing transportation patterns or energy usage as a result of the proposed abandonment.

(iv) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

5. Air.

(i) Not applicable Abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line, (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%, or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment.

(ii) Not applicable Abandonment of the Line will not result in traffic increases which exceed the thresholds specified in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C).

(iii) Not applicable. There is no traffic on the proposed abandonment, thus no shipments of ozone-depleting materials will be diverted as a result of this abandonment.

6. Noise. Not applicable. As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(c)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the abandonment.

7. Safety.

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety. During any salvage operations on the Line, precautions will be taken to ensure public safety.

(ii) Not applicable. To WCL's knowledge, no hazardous commodities were ever handled on this Line. Accordingly, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) To the best of WCL's knowledge, there are no new hazardous waste sites or any new hazardous waste materials involved since February, 2007. Attached as **Appendix G** is correspondence from the State of Wisconsin/Department of Natural Resources stating that there is no further investigation or remediation required at this time. Therefore, WCL believes that its abandonment will not have any adverse impact on this site.

8. Biological Resources.

(i) WCL has contacted The U S Fish and Wildlife Service and comments were requested. See correspondence attached as **Appendix H**. There have been no comments to date. Salvage operations will be handled within the right-of-way using existing access routes.

(ii) The Line does not pass through or adjacent to any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges or any national or state parks or forests and, accordingly, none will be adversely affected. WCL has contacted and received comments from the National Park Service. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix I**.

(iii) The Wisconsin DNR Fish, Forest, Wildlife and Water have been contacted and comments requested. There have been no comments to date. See correspondence attached as **Appendix J**.

9. Water.

(i) The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been contacted and no comments have been received to date. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix K**.

(ii) WCL also requested comments from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The project site lies within an area assumed by the Detroit District of the Corps of Engineers. Our correspondence was forwarded to that office and comments were received. See correspondence attached as **Appendix L**. Removal of the rail is not expected to alter the existing roadbed. However, if the bridges are removed as WCL intends, this project will be coordinated with the appropriate state and local offices.

(iii) The US Department of the Environmental Protection Agency has been contacted and we have requested comments from them. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix M**. There has been no response to date.

10. Proposed Mitigation. WCL does not anticipate any mitigation activities with this proposed abandonment.

HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d)

1. Map. A map of the Line is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.
2. Description of Line. The line to be abandoned extends from milepost 43.14 to milepost 44.30 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The Line is situated in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin and extends a total distance of approximately 1.16 miles, or approximately 6,124 feet.

3. Photographs. Attached within Appendix P are color photograph copies of the Line. Color photographs have been provided to the State Historic Preservation Officer ("SHPO") within the Wisconsin Department of History, Art and Libraries.

4. Information on Structures There are two bridges within the proposed Line abandonment. Each bridge was built in approximately 1896.

5. History of Operations. The Line has not been required to serve any customer in many years. This Line was previously owned by WCL's predecessor the Soo Line Railroad Company ("Soo"), and entered the city in 1896. The mainline crossed the Manitowoc River on the swing bridge called "The Burger Bridge." One of the functions of the Soo mainline was to move cars to and from a Great Lakes ferry service that connected Manitowoc with Ludington, MI. WCL believes that the Soo Line ceased car ferry service in 1982. More recently, this Line was used to haul rocks for breakwater construction. There have been no rail shipments of any kind on the Line in the last two years, and no reasonable possibility for the development of new rail traffic exists

6. Engineering Documents. WCL will disclose any documents, or drawings in its possession that might be useful in preparation for this abandonment.

7. Historic Criteria. As noted above, there are two bridges located within the proposed abandonment area. WCL has contacted and given notice of the proposed abandonment to The State Historic Preservation Office within the Wisconsin Historical Society ("SHPO"). See all correspondence attached as **Appendix N-R**. The SHPO has asked for further consultation pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6.

Attached to Appendix P (as Exhibit C to the §106 review materials) is a letter dated March 8, 2006 from the U.S. Coast Guard. It states that since the two bridges are no longer used for rail traffic, it is required that the structures be removed.

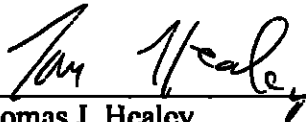
Also attached to Appendix P (as Exhibit D to the §106 review materials) is a letter received from the City of Manitowoc Department of Public works dated May 30, 2007. It states that while the bridges do have some historical significance, they are sufficiently documented in photo collections of the City of Manitowoc or the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, and should be removed.

Appendix Q is a letter dated May 31, 2007 from Kevin Crawford, Mayor of The City of Manitowoc. Mayor Crawford strongly supports the removal of the two bridges stating several safety hazards, as well as their hindrance to Burger Boat Company's facilities.

8. Ground Disturbances. WCL is unaware of any possibility that archaeological resources may be in the area. Access to the line is generally good.

Dated. 9-28, 2007

Respectfully submitted,



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April 10, 2007

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Manitowoc, WI 54220

Re Wisconsin Central Ltd Proposed Abandonment in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin,
AB-303 (Sub-No. 30X)

Dear Mr. Brey:

Wisconsin Central Ltd ("WCL") is planning to file a proposed abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") for approval to abandon approximately 1.16 miles of railroad line starting at MP 43.14 and ending at MP 44.30 in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. For your convenience, we have attached a map for your reference. WCL is advising you of the proposed action so you may assist us in identifying any potential effects of the proposed action on, among other things, the following:

1. Water quality,
2. Designated wetlands,
3. 100-year-old flood plains;
4. Endangered or threatened species,
5. Critical habitats;
6. Wildlife sanctuaries or refuges,
7. National or state parks or forests,
8. Coastal zone management;
9. Soil and natural resource conservation;
10. Agricultural land;
11. Regional and/or local use plans, and
12. The need for permits under Sections 402 or 404 of the Clean Water Act

Because of the nature of the proposed action, we foresee no adverse effects. Nevertheless, we would appreciate your review and any comments you may wish to offer. We would appreciate a written response as soon as possible so that we may include it in the environmental report, which we will file with the STB. We intend on filing the Environmental Report in four weeks.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Healey
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cc: Jim Ruffolo, Burger Boat Company

APPENDIX B



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Madison, WI 53707-7910

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APPENDIX C



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Re: Wisconsin Central Ltd Proposed Abandonment in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin,
AB-303 (Sub-No 30X)

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cc Jim Ruffolo, Burger Boat Company

APPENDIX D



"Steve Kipping"
<skipping@manitowoc.org>
04/18/2007 04:56 PM

To: <Rebecca.Bott@cn.ca>
cc: "John Kropp" <johnkropp@co.manitowoc.wi.us>, "File Only" <ce-temp1@manitowoc.org>, "Allen Boruch" <aboruch@manitowoc.org>, "Greg Minikel"
bcc:
Subject: RE: Railroad Abandonment AB-303 (Sub No 30X)

Rebecca,

We do not have any horizontal survey control markers in the vicinity of the proposed abandonment. We do have one vertical control benchmark at the intersection of the Railroad right-of-way and Revere Drive. However, there are other BM's in close proximity to the one in question (which could be used in the event we were to lose one). Therefore, I do not foresee any problem in your area.

All other items mentioned in the letter addressed to Mr. John T. Ellingson are not the responsibility of this office.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Steve Kipping
City of Manitowoc
920-886-6910

-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca.Bott@cn.ca [mailto:Rebecca.Bott@cn.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2007 2:37 PM
To: Steve Kipping
Subject: Fw: Railroad Abandonment AB-303 (Sub No.30X)

Mr. Kipping,

As you can see from the attached string of correspondence, we were given your name "as the person to talk to." I am attaching the correspondence that started all of this. We represent Wisconsin Central Railroad and are proposing to abandon a portion of track in Manitowoc. Any assistance you could provide would be very helpful.

Thank you,
Rebecca

Rebecca S Bott
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Email rebecca.bott@cn.ca

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Subject: Re: Railroad Abandonment AB-303 (Sub No 30X) [Link](#)

Mr. Kropp,

Attached please find correspondence that was previously sent to John Ellingson with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Wisconsin Central Ltd. is planning to file a proposed abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board. Mr. Ellingson suggested that you would be a good local contact as you might be aware of local control survey marks or would know who at the City of Manitowoc would be aware of any local controls.

Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Healey or myself should you have any questions or concerns.

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R/CA
04/16/2007 08 00 PM
Subject: Re Railroad Abandonment AB-303 (Sub No 30X)
To: "Ellingson, John" <john.ellingson@dot.state.wi.us>
cc: "Smith, Elliot" <elliott.smith@dot.state.wi.us>, "Schaefer, Glen"
<glen.schaefer@dot.state.wi.us>, Rebecca Bott/BOTT01/IL/CNR/CA@CNR
[Link](#)

John

Thank you for your prompt and thorough response. We will follow up with Mr. Kropp.
Tom

"Ellingson, John"
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Tom, I received your letter today describing the section of track that you anticipate abandoning in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. I searched the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) database for geodetic control survey marks and I did not find any in the immediate area that you indicated on your enclosed map. There could very likely be some locally established control in the area that I would not be aware of.

I would suggest that you notify John Kropp, who performs the function of County Surveyor in Manitowoc County. He would be a good local contact as he might be aware of local control or he would know who at the City of Manitowoc would be aware of any local control. His email address is johnkropp@co.manitowoc.wi.us. His phone number is 920-683-4348.

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Thank you for contacting me about this Early notification helps immensely to preserve very important survey control marks

John Ellingson

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***The NGS website can be found at: <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov>
Views expressed in the message above are those of the author and not necessarily those of NGS or WisDOT.***



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February 22, 2007

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**SUBJECT: Final Case Closure with Land Use Limitations or Conditions
Wisconsin Central Limited - Former Turntable and Roundhouse Area
Corner of 11th and Buffalo Streets, Manitowoc Wisconsin
WDNR BRRTS ID # 02-36-176478**

Dear Mr. Blumer:

Based on the correspondence and data provided, it appears that your case meets the requirements of ch NR 726, Wisconsin Administrative Code. **The Department considers this case closed and no further investigation or remediation is required at this time.** Your site will be listed on the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites

On July 11, 2005, the Northeast Region Closure Committee reviewed the above referenced case for closure. This committee reviews environmental remediation cases for compliance with state laws and standards to maintain consistency in the closure of these cases. On July 28 2005, the Committee informed you of the following closure decision.

It appears your site has been adequately investigated and may be eligible for case closure if certain minimum closure requirements are met

Your site was denied closure because a complete and recorded deed restriction and well abandonment forms were not received. These actions are required in order to comply with state law and administrative codes. Once you complete the tasks below, your site will be reconsidered for closure.

On July 27, 2006, the Department sent a conditional closure letter to you describing the needed submittals for closing a site under the new Act 418 legislation. This new legislation allows the Department of Natural Resources (Department) to conditionally close sites with land use type restrictions using a site specific closure letter rather than a deed instrument.

On February 16, 2007, the Department received correspondence from your consultant Michael Lawrence of TRC, indicating that you have complied with the requirements of closure.



The following documentation was received:

- Up to date and legible copies of the deed and parcel ID numbers
- Site map
- Site photographs
- Maintenance plan
- Waste manifests for purge water and soil disposal
- Well abandonment forms (MW1, MW2, MW4, MW5, MW6, MW7R, MW101, MW102)

Conditions of closure

Please be aware that pursuant to s. 292.12 Wisconsin Statutes, compliance with the requirements of this letter is a responsibility to which you and any subsequent property owners must adhere. If these requirements are not followed or if additional information regarding site conditions indicates that contamination on or from the site poses a threat to public health, safety, welfare, or the environment, the Department may take enforcement action under s. 292.11 Wisconsin Statutes to ensure compliance with the specified requirements, limitations or other conditions related to the property or this case may be reopened pursuant to s. NR 726.09, Wis. Adm. Code. It is the Department's intent to conduct inspections in the future to ensure that the conditions included in this letter including compliance with referenced maintenance plans are met.

Land use control

The most recent soil samples that were collected on this property, which were collected on September 21, 1997 and April 10, 2001, contained the following volatile organic compounds (VOC) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) benzene, benzo(a)anthracene, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, dibenzo(a,h)anthracene, Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, naphthalene, phenanthrene in concentrations that exceeded NR 720.11, Table 2, Wis. Adm. Code, soil standards. Therefore, pursuant to s. 292.12(2)(c), Wis. Stats., the property described above may not be used or developed for a residential, commercial, agricultural or other non-industrial use, unless (at the time that the non-industrial use is proposed) an investigation is conducted, to determine the degree and extent of VOC and PAH contamination that remains on the property, and remedial action is taken as necessary to meet all applicable non-industrial soil cleanup standards. If soil in the specific locations described above is excavated in the future, the property owner at the time of excavation must sample and analyze the excavated soil to determine if residual contamination remains. If sampling confirms that contamination is present the property owner at the time of excavation will need to determine whether the material would be considered solid or hazardous waste and ensure that any storage, treatment or disposal is in compliance with applicable statutes and rules. In addition, all current and future owners and occupants of the property need to be aware that excavation of the contaminated soil may pose an inhalation or other direct contact hazard and as a result special precautions may need to be taken during excavation activities to prevent a health threat to humans.

Cap maintenance

Pursuant to s. 292.12(2)(a), Wis. Stats., the pavement or other impervious cap that currently exists in the location shown on the attached map shall be maintained in compliance with the attached maintenance plan dated February 14, 2007, in order to minimize the infiltration of

water and prevent additional groundwater contamination that would violate the groundwater quality standards in ch. NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code, and to prevent direct contact with residual soil contamination that might otherwise pose a threat to human health. If soil in the specific locations described above is excavated in the future, the property owner at the time of excavation must sample and analyze the excavated soil to determine if residual contamination remains. If sampling confirms that contamination is present the property owner at the time of excavation will need to determine whether the material would be considered solid or hazardous waste and ensure that any storage, treatment or disposal is in compliance with applicable statutes and rules. In addition, all current and future owners and occupants of the property need to be aware that excavation of the contaminated soil may pose an inhalation or other direct contact hazard and as a result special precautions may need to be taken during excavation activities to prevent a health threat to humans.

In addition, depending on site-specific conditions, construction over contaminated materials may result in vapor migration into enclosed structures or migration along newly placed underground utility lines. The potential for vapor inhalation and mitigation should be evaluated when planning any future redevelopment, and measures should be taken to ensure the continued protection of public health, safety, welfare and the environment at the site.

GIS Registry Listing

Your site will be listed on the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment GIS Registry for Closed Remediation sites for the following reasons. Information that was submitted with your closure request application will be included on the GIS Registry.

Residual Soil Contamination

Residual soil contamination remains as indicated in the information submitted to the Department of Natural Resources at the following locations:

- Soil impacts due to VOC and PAH at boring or monitoring well locations MW1, MW5, B4, B-5, B-8, B10, SP1 (as specified above)

Residual Groundwater Contamination

Residual groundwater contamination remains as indicated in the information submitted to the Department of Natural Resources at the following locations:

- Groundwater impacts due to the following VOC at locations MW1 and MW2: cis-1,2 dichloroethene, trichloroethene, and vinyl chloride

Lost Monitoring Wells

On February 14, 2007, your consultant Michael Lawrence of TRC, notified the Department that monitoring well(s) MW3 and MW7 located on the subject property could not be properly abandoned because they had been lost due to being paved over, covered or removed during miscellaneous site activities. Your consultant has made a reasonable effort to locate the lost well(s) to determine whether they were properly abandoned but has been unsuccessful in those efforts. You need to understand that in the future you may be held liable for any problems

associated with monitoring well(s) **MW3** and **MW7** if they create a conduit for contaminants to enter groundwater. If in the future any of the lost groundwater monitoring wells are found, the then current owner of the subject property will be required to notify the Department and to properly abandon the wells in compliance with the requirements in ch NR 141, Wis Adm Code, and to submit the required documentation of that abandonment to the Department.

To review the sites on the GIS Registry web page, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/gis/index.htm>. If your property is listed on the GIS Registry because of remaining contamination and you intend to construct or reconstruct a well, you will need prior Department approval in accordance with s NR 812.09(4)(w), Wis Adm. Code. To obtain approval, Form 3300-254 needs to be completed and submitted to the DNR Drinking and Groundwater program's regional water supply specialist. This form can be obtained on-line <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/dwg/3300254.pdf> or at the web address listed above for the GIS Registry.

If this is a PECFA site, Section 101.143, Wis. Stats., requires that PECFA claimants seeking reimbursement of interest costs, for sites with petroleum contamination, submit a final reimbursement claim within 120 days after they receive a closure letter on their site. For claims not received by the PECFA Program within 120 days of the date of this letter, interest costs after 60 days of the date of this letter will not be eligible for PECFA reimbursement. If there is equipment purchased with PECFA funds remaining at the site, contact the Commerce PECFA Program to determine the method for salvaging the equipment.

The Department appreciates your efforts to restore the environment at this site. If you have any questions regarding this closure decision or anything outlined in this letter, please contact Annette Weissbach at 920-662-5165 or annette.weissbach@wisconsin.gov.

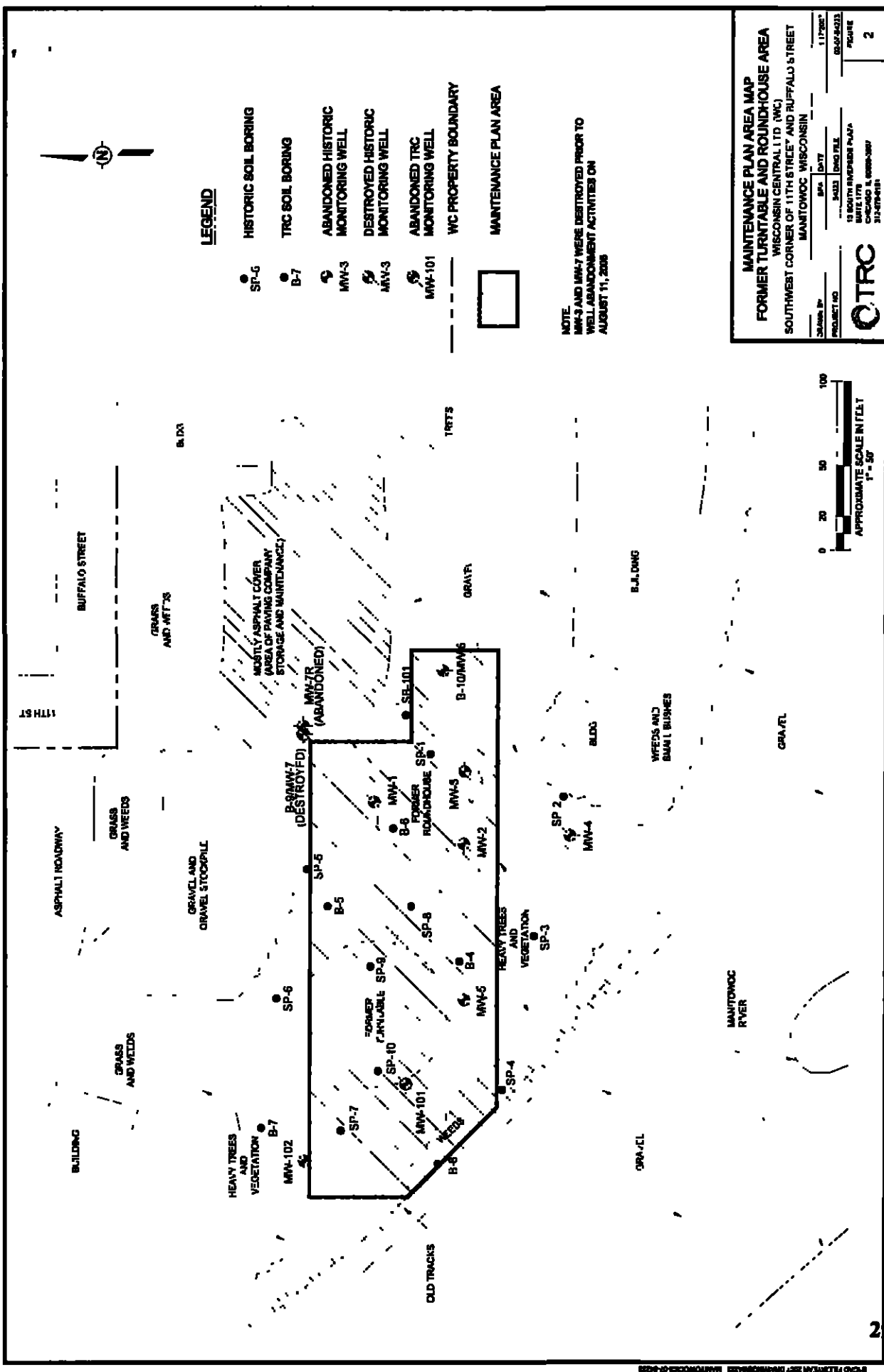
Sincerely,



Bruce Urban
NER Remediation & Redevelopment Team Supervisor

Attach Site map
Maintenance Plan

Cc Mike Lawrence – TRC, 10 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1770, Chicago, IL 60606-3807
Annette Weissbach – NER



EXISTING SURFACE COVER MAINTENANCE PLAN

February 14, 2007

Property:

**Wisconsin Central Ltd. - Former Turntable and Roundhouse Area
Southwest Corner of 11th and Buffalo Streets, Manitowoc, Wisconsin
WDNR BRTS# 02-36-176478**

Legal Description

Please refer to Attachment B of the Closure Update Response Letter (Letter) for the legal descriptions included in deed document numbers 1 and 2. Parcel identification numbers and information are located in Attachment C of the Letter.

Introduction

This document is the Maintenance Plan for the current surface cover at the above-referenced property (site) in accordance with the requirements of s. NR 724.13(2), Wisconsin Administrative Code. The maintenance activities apply to the existing cover which consists primarily of vegetation and some gravel and asphalt areas (the current surface cover). These areas are to be maintained over the impacted soil and groundwater areas on site as shown on Figure 2. The constituents of concern (COCs) within the impacted area include volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and arsenic.

Cover Purpose

The current surface cover over the impacted area will serve as a barrier to prevent direct human contact with residual soil contamination that might otherwise pose a threat to human health. The current surface cover also acts as a partial infiltration barrier to minimize future soil-to-groundwater migration of COCs that would violate the groundwater standards in ch. NR 140, Wisconsin Administrative Code. In addition, the current surface cover will continue to allow natural attenuation to occur without the risk of direct contact with soil and groundwater impact. Based on the current and future use of the property, the barrier should function as intended unless disturbed.

Annual Inspection

The current site cover overlying the soil and groundwater impacted areas as depicted in Figure 2 will be inspected once a year, normally in the spring after all snow and ice is gone, for any potential problems that can cause additional infiltration into or exposure to underlying soils. The inspections will be performed to evaluate damage due to settling, exposure to the weather, wear from traffic, or other factors. Any area where soils have become or are likely to become exposed

will be documented. A Cover Inspection Log (Log) for inspections and any repairs will be maintained by the property owner and is included as Attachment H in the Letter. The Log will include recommendations for necessary repair of any areas where underlying soils are exposed. Once repairs are completed, they will be documented in the Log. The annual inspections will be conducted by the property owner identified in the contact information below. The Log can be requested by interested parties at the property owner's address (also listed in the contact information). Requests for the Log should be received in writing.

Maintenance Activities

If problems are noted during the annual inspections or at any other time during the year, repairs will be scheduled as soon as practical. Repairs may include vegetation replacement or patching and filling/resurfacing operations. In the event that necessary maintenance activities expose the underlying soil, the owner will inform maintenance workers of the direct contact exposure hazard and provide them with the appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE). The owner must also sample any soil that is excavated from the site prior to disposal to ascertain if contamination remains. The soil must be treated, stored and disposed of by the owner in accordance with applicable local, state and federal law.

In the event that the current surface cover overlying the impacted area is removed or replaced and the impacted soil remains in place, the replacement barrier will provide equal protection from direct contact and impact migration. Any replacement barrier will be subject to the same maintenance and inspection guidelines as outlined in this Maintenance Plan unless indicated otherwise by the WDNR or its successor.

The property owner, in order to maintain the integrity of the current surface cover, will maintain a copy of this Maintenance Plan at the property owner's address as listed in the contact information, therefore, the Maintenance Plan is available to all interested parties for viewing.

Amendment or Withdrawal of Maintenance Plan

The Maintenance Plan can be amended or withdrawn by the property owner and its successors with the written approval of WDNR.

Contact Information

February 2007

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2. Geoff Nokes
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Attachments included in Closure Update Response Letter

Exhibit B
Barrier INSPECTION LOG

Inspection Date	Inspector	Condition of Surface Cover	Recommendations	Have Recommendations from previous inspection been implemented?



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May 15, 2007

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Land General File

Mr. Thomas J. Healey
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Dear Mr. Healey:

The National Park Service has no federally owned lands that would be affected by the proposed abandonment of approximately 1.16 miles of railroad line starting at MP 43.14 and ending at MP 44.30 in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 402-661-1788.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX I.



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**Planning, Programs and Project Management Division
Project Management and Development Branch**

**SUBJECT: Wisconsin Central Ltd. Proposed Abandonment in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin
AB-303 (Sub-No. 30X)**

**Mr. Thomas J. Healey
Counsel for Wisconsin Central Ltd.
17641 South Ashland Avenue
Homewood, Illinois 60430-1339**

Dear Mr. Healey:

We are responding to your April 10, 2007, letter regarding the abandonment of 1.16 miles of railroad line in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

The Detroit District, Corps of Engineers, has jurisdiction for civil works matters in the area of the proposed railroad abandonment. Accordingly, we have forwarded your letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, ATTN: CELRE-PM, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

The Corps of Engineers is responsible for granting permits for excavation or placement of fill material in wetlands or water bodies of the United States under Section 404 – Clean Water Act. The excavation or discharge of fill material in any water of the United States, including wetlands, to facilitate removal of the railway line is subject to Section 404. The Corps office that handles regulatory matters for Manitowoc County is the St. Paul District's regulatory field office in Green Bay, Wisconsin. A copy of your notice has been sent to Mr. Jerry Smith of that office. He can be contacted at Green Bay Regulatory Office, Corps of Engineers, Old Fort Square, 211 N. Broadway, Suite 216, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303, telephone (920) 448-2824.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Erickson".

**Christopher R. Erickson
Chief, Project Management and
Development Branch**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
DETROIT DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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IN REPLY REFER TO

May 9, 2007

Planning Office
Environmental Analysis Branch

Mr Thomas J. Healey
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Dear Mr. Healey:

This letter is in response to your April 10, 2007, correspondence regarding the proposed abandonment of approximately 1.16 miles of railroad line (MP 43.14 to MP 44.30) in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. The following comments are provided in accordance with our civil works/floodplain management program.

If the proposed abandonment is limited to the existing roadbed with very little modification to these facilities during the rail removal process, other than bridge removal, then the project would not be expected to impact floodplains. However, coordination with local and state officials is advised to be consistent with any local or state floodplain regulatory requirements, especially to ensure that any alterations, such as bridge removal, do not result in flow restrictions of the applicable waterways. Any changes to stormwater inflows, to the receiving waters, and/or associated culverts, as a result of the project, would also have to be coordinated with the appropriate local and/or state offices.

The proposed abandonment appears to cross the Federal navigation channel at Manitowoc Harbor. A project map is enclosed for your reference. If any work is proposed that may affect the navigation channel, such as bridge removals, please contact our Kewaunee Area Office

(920-388-3720) prior to such work. The contact person at the Kewaunee Area Office is Mr. Jim Bonetti at 920-388-3712.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment upon the railroad line abandonment in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Any questions may be directed to Mr. Paul Allerding at 313-226-7590 or me at 313-226-6752.

Sincerely,

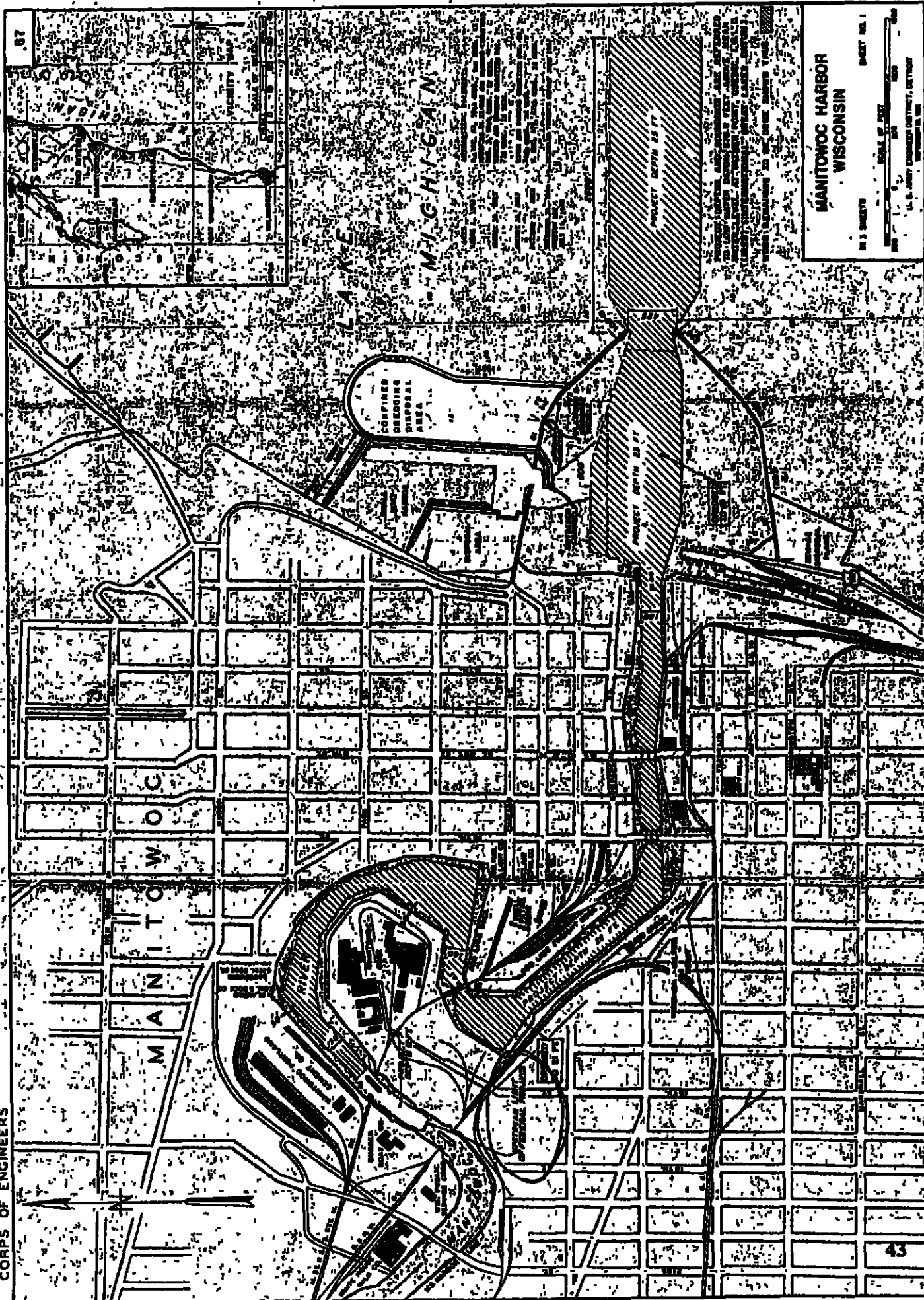


Les E. Weigum, Chief
Environmental Analysis Branch

Enclosure

Copy furnished:

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April 10, 2007

Mr. Kenneth A. Westlake
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77 W Jackson Blvd
Chicago, IL 60604

Re Wisconsin Central Ltd. Proposed Abandonment in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin,
AB-303 (Sub-No. 30X)

Dear Mr. Westlake,

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1. Water quality;
2. Designated wetlands;
3. 100-year-old flood plains;
4. Endangered or threatened species;
5. Critical habitats;
6. Wildlife sanctuaries or refuges;
7. National or state parks or forests;
8. Coastal zone management;
9. Soil and natural resource conservation;
10. Agricultural land;
11. Regional and/or local use plans; and
12. The need for permits under Sections 402 or 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Because of the nature of the proposed action, we foresee no adverse effects. Nevertheless, we would appreciate your review and any comments you may wish to offer. We would appreciate a written response as soon as possible so that we may include it in the environmental report, which we will file with the STB. We intend on filing the Environmental Report in four weeks.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Healey
Counsel for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Encl

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April 10, 2007

Mr. Michael Stevens
State Historic Preservation Officer
Wisconsin Historical Society
816 State Street
Madison, WI 53706

Re: Wisconsin Central Ltd. Proposed Abandonment in
Manitowoc County, Wisconsin
AB-303 (Sub-No. 30X)

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APPENDIX N



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608-264-6400

Project Submittal Notification

April 30, 2007

Mr. Thomas J. Healy
17641 S. Ashland Avenue
Homewood, IL 60430

Re Wisconsin Central Ltd Proposal Abandonment in Manitowoc County,
Wisconsin AB-303 (Sub-No. 30X)

Mr. Healy-

The materials and information you submitted regarding this project are insufficient to review its affects on historic properties under § 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. For detailed information on the requirements of the process, please review "The Wisconsin NHPA § 106 Review Process" at our web location:

http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/protecting/106_intro.asp

Very briefly, the agency carrying out an undertaking for which the § 106 process is being initiated bears the responsibility for determining the undertaking's potential to affect on historic properties. Our role is to review your determination and either concur or recommend ways to mitigate those effects.

For this project and all future projects, please submit to us your § 106-review materials with the "Request for SHPO Comment" form as described in the Guidelines found at the above referenced web site

We are returning the materials you submitted for review by the Wisconsin Historical Society - Division of Historic Preservation and Public History (SHPO).

For specific questions about this issue, please contact me by email at sherman.banker@wisconsinhistory.org or by telephone at (608) 264-6507.

Sherman Banker
Compliance Archaeologist
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Division of Historic Preservation and Public History
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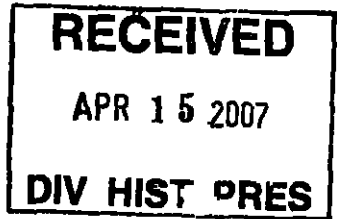
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REQUEST FOR SHPO COMMENT AND CONSULTATION ON A FEDERAL UNDERTAKING

Submit one copy with each undertaking for which our comment is requested. Please print or type.
Return to:

Wisconsin Historical Society, Division of Historic Preservation, Office of Preservation Planning, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

Please Check All Boxes and Include All of the Following Information, as Applicable.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

☒ This is a new submittal.

☐ This is supplemental information relating to Case #: _____, and title: _____

☐ This project is being undertaken pursuant to the terms and conditions of a programmatic or other interagency agreement. The title of the agreement is _____

a. Federal Agency Jurisdiction (Agency providing funds, assistance, license, permit): Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423.

b. Federal Agency Contact Person: Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Phone: 202-245-0245

c. Project Contact Person: Thomas Healey; Phone: 708-332-4381

d. Return Address: Wisconsin Central Ltd., c/o CN, 17641 S. Ashland Ave., Homewood, Illinois 60430.

e. Email Address: tom.healey@cn.ca

f. Project Name: Wisconsin Central, Ltd. Proposed Abandonment in Manitowoc, WI, AB-303 (Sub-No. 30X).

g. Project Street Address: N/A - Rail Line Abandonment - Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

h. County: Manitowoc City: Manitowoc, Zip Code: 54220

i. Project Location: Township _____, Range _____, E/W (circle one), Section _____, Quarter Sections _____

j. Project Narrative Description — Wisconsin Central, Ltd. ("WCL") plans to file a Notice of Exemption for an abandonment with the STB for approval to abandon 1.16 miles of railroad line starting at milepost 43.14 and ending at milepost 44.30. After the STB's final decision, WCL intends to salvage rail, ties and track materials from the line. WCL also intends to remove the two bridges (a swing bridge and a lift bridge) located on this segment of line.

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II. IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Authorized Signature Tom Healey Date: 6-6-07

Type or print name: Tom Healey

IV. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE COMMENTS

- ☐ Agree with the finding in section III above.
- ☐ Object to the finding for reasons indicated in attached letter.
- ☐ Cannot review until information is sent as follows: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

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II. Identification of Historic Properties:

Attached to this Request are color copies of photographs: (1) a scale house located along the line; (2) pictures of a swing bridge, (3) pictures of a lift bridge; and (4) pictures of the lift bridge control room. **Exhibits B1-8.** Each bridge was built in approximately 1896.

Attached as **Exhibit C** is a letter dated March 8, 2006 from the U.S. Coast Guard. It states that since the two bridges are no longer used for rail traffic, it is required that the structures be removed.

WCL is also attaching, as **Exhibit D**, a letter received from the City of Manitowoc Department of Public Works dated May 30, 2007. It states that while the bridges do have some historical significance, they should be removed.

If the proposed abandonment is approved by the SHPO, WCL will file its Environmental and Historic Reports with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB"). After the appropriate length of time as outlined by the STB, WCL will then file its Verified Notice of Exemption with the STB. Upon approval by the STB, WCL will commence the abandonment process and begin to salvage the rails, ties and track material from the line. WCL will also obtain the necessary permits to remove the bridges.

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EXHIBIT B-2



EXHIBIT B-3



EXHIBIT B-4

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EXHIBIT B-5



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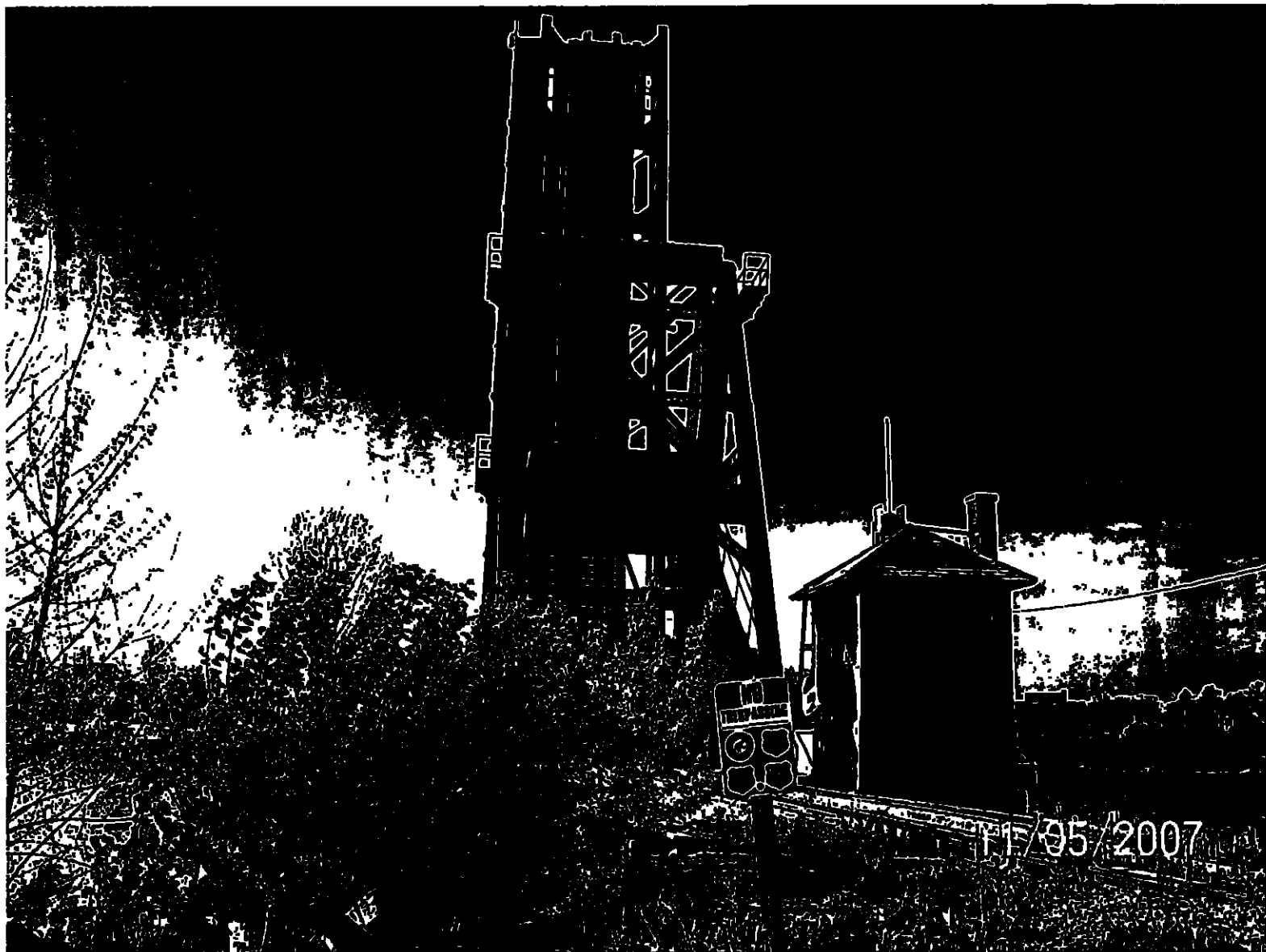


EXHIBIT B-7



EXHIBIT B-8

U.S. Department of
Homeland Security

United States
Coast Guard



Commander (dwp-3)
Ninth Coast Guard District
1240 E. Ninth Street
Cleveland, OH 44199-2060

Phone: (216) 902-6085
FAX: (216) 902-6088

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B-019/rwb
08 March 2006

Mr. Michael J. Barron
Counsel
U.S. Legal Affairs
Canadian National RR
17641 South Ashland Avenue
Homewood, Illinois 60430

Dear Mr. Barron:

I am writing in reference to your two bridges which cross the Manitowoc River in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

It has come to our attention that the subject bridges have not been used for rail traffic for the last two years, and possibly longer.

The Coast Guard issues permits for the construction of bridges to cross navigable waterways for the purpose of carrying various modes of traffic. When the bridges no longer serve transportation, for the original purpose or through modification to serve other forms of transportation, it is required that the structures be removed in their entirety from bank to bank. Such removal is the responsibility of the owner and at the owner's expense.

Please advise of your plans for restoration of rail service. In the event plans are to no longer use the bridges, please advise of your intentions and plans to remove the structures, and of the approximate date you expect removal to be commenced and completed.

Please contact me with any questions you may have. I hereby request you provide a response to me no later than 19 April 2006.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. BLOOM, JR.
Bridge Program Manager
By direction of Commander,
Ninth Coast Guard District

CITY OF
MANITOWOC

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

Thomas J. Healey
Counsel – Regulatory
CN
17641 S. Ashland Ave.
Homewood, IL 60430-1339

Dear Attorney Healey,

We would like to express our support for the removal of the two railway bridges associated with the CN line presently being considered for abandonment. As the Coast Guard has indicated, the bridges represent a navigational hazard for commercial and recreational traffic utilizing the Manitowoc River. In addition the western bridge is a significant hazard to the ship launching operations of the Burger Boat Company, a major local employer.



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STREETS AND
SANITATION DIVISION

Perhaps the most important argument in favor of the removal of the bridges concerns their deteriorating condition. They represent a continuing hazard to traffic on the river and an attractive nuisance to local citizens.

While the bridges do have some historical significance as structures supporting the cross lake ferries and the movement of commodities in and out of the Manitowoc Harbor, they are sufficiently documented in photo collections maintained for the public by the City of Manitowoc or the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. Just as the old grain elevators and other structures were removed to make way for more appropriate development after their commercial utility had ceased, so should these bridges be demolished to remove the impediments to the development of the River area. The removal of the bridges is a key element in the remediation of the railway properties prior to, or concurrent with the abandonment process.

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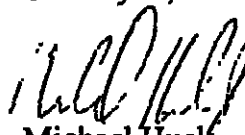
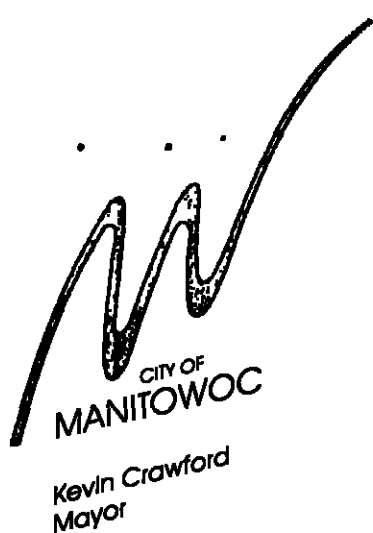

Michael Huck
Harbor Master
City of Manitowoc

EXHIBIT D





May 31, 2007

Thomas J. Healey, Counsel
Canadian National Railroad
17641 S. Ashland Avenue
Homewood, IL 60430-1339

Dear Attorney Healey,

The City of Manitowoc strongly supports the removal of the two railway bridges owned by CN currently being considered for abandonment. The City has worked in concert with Burger Boat Company to assist the company in becoming a world class manufacturer of motor yachts in the "mega" category and the western bridge in question poses a significant hazard to launch operations at Burger's facilities. Both bridges are extreme hazards to both pleasure and commercial river traffic

These bridges have been in severely deteriorated conditions for some period of time and the municipality fears that eventually some individual, or individuals, will be injured at the sites. Arson at the bridges constitutes a real threat as well

I am aware of many, many artifacts at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum depicting rail traffic serving Manitowoc's water-front during Manitowoc's hey day as a shipping port and these well preserved collections better serve our maritime heritage than these soon to be abandoned attractive nuisances.

Thank you for inviting my commentary.

Sincerely,

Kevin Crawford, Mayor

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June 8, 2007

Mr. Sherman Banker
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Madison, WI 53706

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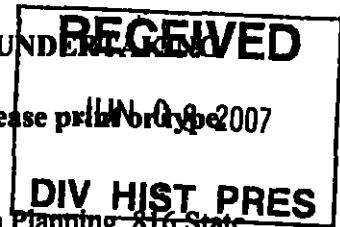
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Authorized Signature: Tom Healey Date: 6/8/07

Type or print name: Tom Healey

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Authorized Signature: Sharon Baker Date: 7/10/07
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→ Bridge is eligible for NRHP & demolition
would be an adverse effect per 36 CFR 800.6
and we need to consult further