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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 49X)**
Wisconsin Central Ltd. – Discontinuance
of Service Exemption – In Oneida and Marinette Counties, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Brown:

On October 16, 2017, the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) served and published in the Federal Register notification of Wisconsin Central Ltd.’s (“WCL”) intent to discontinue common carrier service over (but not to abandon) approximately a 49 mile line of railroad (hereinafter, the “Line”) beginning on WCL’s Bradley Subdivision at milepost 220.0 in Rhinelander, Oneida County, Wisconsin, and extending to milepost 269.0 on WCL’s Pembine Subdivision, located in Goodman, Marinette County, Wisconsin. A map showing the Line is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

WCL wishes to advise the Board that, as of November 15th, 2017, it has exercised its authority under the exemption, and has discontinued service over the Line. The Board does not require that parties authorized to discontinue rail common carrier service notify the Board of discontinuance “consummation.” Rather, 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) requires timely notices of consummation from those acting upon authority to abandon a rail line. Accordingly, WCL offers this advisory as a courtesy and as information to clarify the Line’s current legal status and to acknowledge the Board’s continuing jurisdiction over the Line.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,



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cc: All parties of record
Thomas J. Healey

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