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**RE: STB Finance Docket AB-303 (Sub-No. 27) Wisconsin Central LTD
Abandonment -- In Ozaukee, Sheboygan and Manitowoc Counties, WI**

Dear Gentilepersons:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation is the state rail agency. The Department held a public meeting before the abandonment was filed. A large number of shippers, business, owners, farmers and local public officials expressed very strong opinions against the proposed abandonment. The Department is conducting an economic impact study on the effects of the abandonment.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation intends to submit a written response to the above abandonment application as a party of record. We are enclosing this original request and 10 copies. Also enclose a certificate of service indicating that the notice has been properly served on the other parties of record.

Please include the following on the service list for the proceeding:

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Please date stamp and return a duplicate copy of this letter in the prepaid, return mail envelope for verification of receipt. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Congressman Tom Petri
Senator Mary Panzer
Senator Joe Leibham
Representative Dan LaMahleu
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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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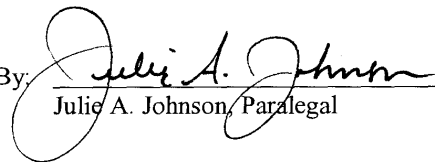
**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE
OF PARTY OF RECORD REQUEST
OF
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

The undersigned hereby certifies that she has duly served, by first class mail, postage prepaid, this 13th day of July 2004, on all Parties of Record identified for the above matter on the Surface Transportation Board's Decision web site as of 9:00 a.m. on July 13, 2004.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2001.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

By:


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