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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35280 (Sub-No. 1)]

Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Amended Trackage Rights Exemption—Grand Trunk Western
Railroad Company

Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company (GTW) has agreed to amend the existing nonexclusive trackage rights previously granted to Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL). The existing trackage rights extend over 12.9 miles of GTW's Elsdon Subdivision between GTW's connection with Illinois Central Railroad Company at or near milepost 23.2 (CN Junction) at Harvey, Ill., and the east side of the interlocking plant for GTW's connection with Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E), at or near milepost 36.1 (Griffith), at Griffith, Ind.¹ WCL states that, pursuant to an amended trackage rights agreement dated May 24, 2013, GTW has agreed to extend the existing nonexclusive trackage rights 7.2 miles over GTW's South Bend Subdivision between GTW's connection with WCL (formerly EJ&E) at or near milepost 36.1 in Griffith and milepost 43.3 in Spring Lake, Ind.

¹ See Wis. Cent. Ltd.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Grand Trunk W. R.R., FD 35280 (STB served Aug. 17, 2009). EJ&E subsequently was merged into WCL. Wis. Cent. Ltd.—Intra-Corporate Family Merger Exemption—Elgin, Joliet & E. Ry., FD 35630 (STB served June 8, 2012).

The purpose of the trackage rights is to enable WCL to perform rail movements east of the GTW-WCL connection beyond Griffith to the nearest location where a typical train can be held without blocking local grade crossings.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on July 17, 2013, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption is filed).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc., 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(7). If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by July 10, 2013 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35280 (Sub-No. 1), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas J. Litwiler, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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Decided: June 28, 2013.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.