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Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
Attention: Victoria J. Rutson
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1106
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Environmental Report, Historic Report and Required Certifications for
Docket No. AB 303 (Sub No. 44X) – Wisconsin Central Ltd.
Notice of Exemption for Abandonment in Forest County, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Wisconsin Central Ltd. has filed a Verified Notice of Exemption for Abandonment in connection with the above-referenced proposed abandonment on July 8, 2014. Enclosed for the above-referenced Notice of Exemption are the following, which are required by 49 C.F.R. Part 1105:

1. An copy of the Environmental/Historic Report; and
2. An original of a certificate demonstrating compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 1105 and including related Attachments.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Audrey L. Brodrick'.

Audrey L. Brodrick
Counsel for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

ALB:dg
Enclosures

WISCONSIN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FOR
ABANDONMENT IN FOREST
COUNTY, WISCONSIN

To: Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024



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

I hereby certify that on June 13, 2014 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 Historical Society. A service list and copy of the letter sent to all such agencies is attached and incorporated into this certificate as Attachment A. The reports have been sent within the time period specified, as Wisconsin Central Ltd. is filing its Petition for Exemption more than 20 days after it served its Environmental Report and Historic Report. 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 April 10, 2014 in *The Forest Republican*, a newspaper of general circulation in Forest 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 text of the notice is attached to this certificate as Attachment B.

Dated this 7TH day of July, 2014.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Audrey L. Brodrick'. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Audrey L. Brodrick
Counsel for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 44X)

Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Proposed Abandonment—near Crandon, Forest County, Wisconsin

SERVICE LIST

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Wisconsin Coastal Management Program
Department of Administration
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Madison, WI 53708-8944

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Division of Historic Preservation
Office of Preservation Planning
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Madison, WI 53706

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Mr. Doug Huck
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FCPC Legal Department
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Crandon, WI 54520

NOTICE

Wisconsin Central Ltd. gives notice that on or after May 22, 2014 it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F-- Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of approximately 6.4 miles of railroad line starting at MP 242.21 on the Pembine Sub (formerly milepost 243.00 on the old Shawano Sub) in or around Argonne, Wisconsin and ending at MP 235.84 on the Pembine Sub (formerly milepost 249.38 on the Old Shawano Sub) in Crandon, Wisconsin and which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 54511 and 54520 in Forest County, Wisconsin. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 44X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at 202-245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial 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 environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 E. Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicants' representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12 (a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at 202-245-0230. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Fletcher & Sippel LLC, Attention: Audrey L. Brodrick, 29 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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Affidavit of Publication

The Forest Republican
Hank Murphy, Publisher
Phone (715) 528-3276 or 800 339-9080

The authorized representative, signed below, of The Forest Republican, a weekly newspaper, published in the City of Crandon, County of Forest and State of Wisconsin, does attest and swear that the notice or advertisement described herein was published in the full edition of said paper on the following date(s):

Edition of Paper
4/10/2014

Notice Published
Notice

Signed: Melissa Monte
Authorized Representative

Date: 4/10/14



Signed before me this 10 day of April, 2014 the
above named Melissa Monte

Christina Straley, Notary Public State of Wisconsin,
County of Forest

My commission expires: 04-07-17

LEGAL NOTICES

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DATED: March 19, 2014

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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale

John Dennee
Forest County Sheriff

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Bridge

The Forest County Forestry Department, 200 E. Main St., Crandon, WI 54520 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to construct a bridge over Little Popple River.

The project is located in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 14, Township 38 North, Range 14 East, Town of Popple River, Forest County.

The project will consist of the reconstruction/repair of an existing snowmobile/ATV bridge across the Little Popple River. The bridge span will be shortened from 90 feet to 78 feet and will be reinstalled on top of 4 reinforced concrete piers/abutments. Approximately 350 square feet of wetlands will be impacted.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comment and a public informational hearing, if requested. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11 and 30.123(8), Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required

30 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. If you are requesting a public informational hearing, the request must be emailed or postmarked within 20 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. A request for hearing must include the docket number or applicant name and specify the issues that the party desires to be addressed at the informational hearing.

If no hearing is requested, the Department may issue its decision without a hearing. If a public informational hearing is held, comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days following the date on which the hearing is completed.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

Docket Number IP-NO-2014-21-00570

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
For the Secretary
Wendy Henniges
Water Management Specialist
April 1, 2014

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Obits

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Edward Francis Breaker

Edward Francis Breaker passed away tragically on Thursday, April 3 at the age of 66.

Ed was born in Laona on Nov. 27, 1947, the oldest of seven children born to Eugene (Gene) Breaker and Audrey Whisman Breaker. He was a lifelong resident of Laona. He attended school in Laona and graduated from Laona High School in 1967. Ed was employed by the Connor Company mills in Laona until his retirement in 2008. This is over forty years of dedicated service. He will always be remembered as a hard worker who gave 110 percent.

Ed enjoyed life. He was a very happy-go-lucky man with a very unique sense of humor. Anyone who knew him liked him and they were the richer for having

per. He will be greatly missed.

Ed is survived by his mother, Audrey Breaker Ratty; three sisters, Vicki (Jim) Lemerande of Laona, Chris (Mike) Geske of Wabeno and Penny (Jack) Carter of Crandon; and three brothers, Eugene (Skeeter) and Paul Breaker of Laona and Joe (Sherri) Breaker of Phoenix, Ariz. He is also survived by his nieces and nephew whom he loved very much: Cory Lemerande, Tricia Rocole, Chad Lemerande, Courtney Hauser, Ashley Carter, Brittney Carter, Jake Geske, Emilee Breaker and Amanda Breaker.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gene Breaker; stepfather, Max Ratty; and nephew, Travis Geske.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the