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VIA E-FILING

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Re: *Wisconsin Central Ltd. – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan, STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 45X)*

Discontinuance Advisory

Dear Ms. Brown:

On November 13, 2014, Wisconsin Central Ltd. (“WCL”) filed a verified notice of exemption in the above-referenced docket for purposes of obtaining authority to discontinue service over an approximately 77.8-mile rail line in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan, extending from milepost 332.4 at Marengo Junction, Wisconsin, to milepost 254.6 at White Pine, Michigan (the “Line”). Notice of the exemption filing was served and published in the Federal Register on December 3, 2014, and the exemption became effective on January 2, 2015.

By way of this letter filing, WCL wishes to advise the Board that, as of January 2, 2015, WCL has exercised its authority under the exemption, and has discontinued service over the Line. WCL recognizes that the Board’s rules do not require that parties obtaining authority 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, and, here, WCL has not sought or obtained abandonment authority. 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 counsel for WCL if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,



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cc: Thomas J. Healey