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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20024



Re: Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 47X) Wisconsin Central Ltd. –
Abandonment Exemption -- In Lincoln County, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of the Verified Notice of Exemption of Wisconsin Central Ltd., dated October 7, 2015 pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. A check for the filing fee of \$3,900.00 is also enclosed.

The original copy of the Environmental/Historic Report (Exhibit D to the Notice) has been provided directly to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance on this matter. Kind regards.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey L. Brodrick
Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

ALB:dg
Enclosures
cc: Ms. Victoria J. Rutson, Room 1106

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**BEFORE THE
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DOCKET NO AB-303 (SUB-NO. 47X)

**WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN**



**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

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ATTORNEY FOR
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.

Dated: October 7, 2015

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

DOCKET NO AB-303 (SUB-NO. 47X)

**WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.
49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") hereby submits this Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, to abandon its line of railroad located in Lincoln County, Wisconsin, referred to herein as the "Line" beginning at milepost 132.89 and extending to milepost 133.38 in Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, a distance of approximately 0.49 miles.

In accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2), WCL submits the following information:

General Corporation Information: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1)-(2)

WCL is a common carrier by rail which owns and operates approximately 1,900 miles of rail line in five Upper Midwestern states. WCL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company.

The complete name and address of WCL is:

Wisconsin Central Ltd
17641 S. Ashland Avenue
Homewood, IL 60430-1345

Relief Sought: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(3)

Pursuant to the Board's class exemption for the abandonment of out-of-service rail lines, codified at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, WCL intends to abandon its line of railroad between Mileposts 132.89 and 133.38, a distance of approximately 0.49 miles in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, in Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

Map: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)

A map of the Line to be abandoned is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

WCL's Representative: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)

WCL's representative to whom correspondence regarding this abandonment should be sent is:

Audrey L. Brodrick
Fletcher & Sippel LLC
29 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 920
Chicago, IL 60606
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ZIP Codes Traversed: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(8)

The portion of the Line to be abandoned traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code 54487.

Qualification for Class Exemption: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b)

Per the certificate and verification attached hereto as Exhibit B, WCL certifies that no local revenue traffic has moved over the portion of the Line to be abandoned for at least the last two years, there is no overhead traffic on this trackage that would have to be rerouted over other lines, and no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the portion of the Line to be abandoned (or a state or local governmental entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding

cessation of service on the proposed abandonment is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant during the last two years.

Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

WCL will not consummate the proposed abandonment any earlier than November 26, 2015.

Suitability for Other Public Purposes: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(e)(4)

The City of Tomahawk has expressed interest in using the abandoned corridor for trail purposes, and WCL is working to develop that possibility.

Labor Protection: 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(d)(2)

The level of labor protection applicable in rail line abandonments is that established in *Oregon Short Line Co — Abandonment — Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

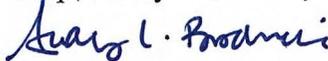
Certificate of Compliance with Notice Requirements: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

A certificate that the notice of requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152(d)(1) and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been complied with is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Environmental and Historic Report: 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8

The original of the Environmental Report and Historic Report, prepared pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8, has been concurrently filed with the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

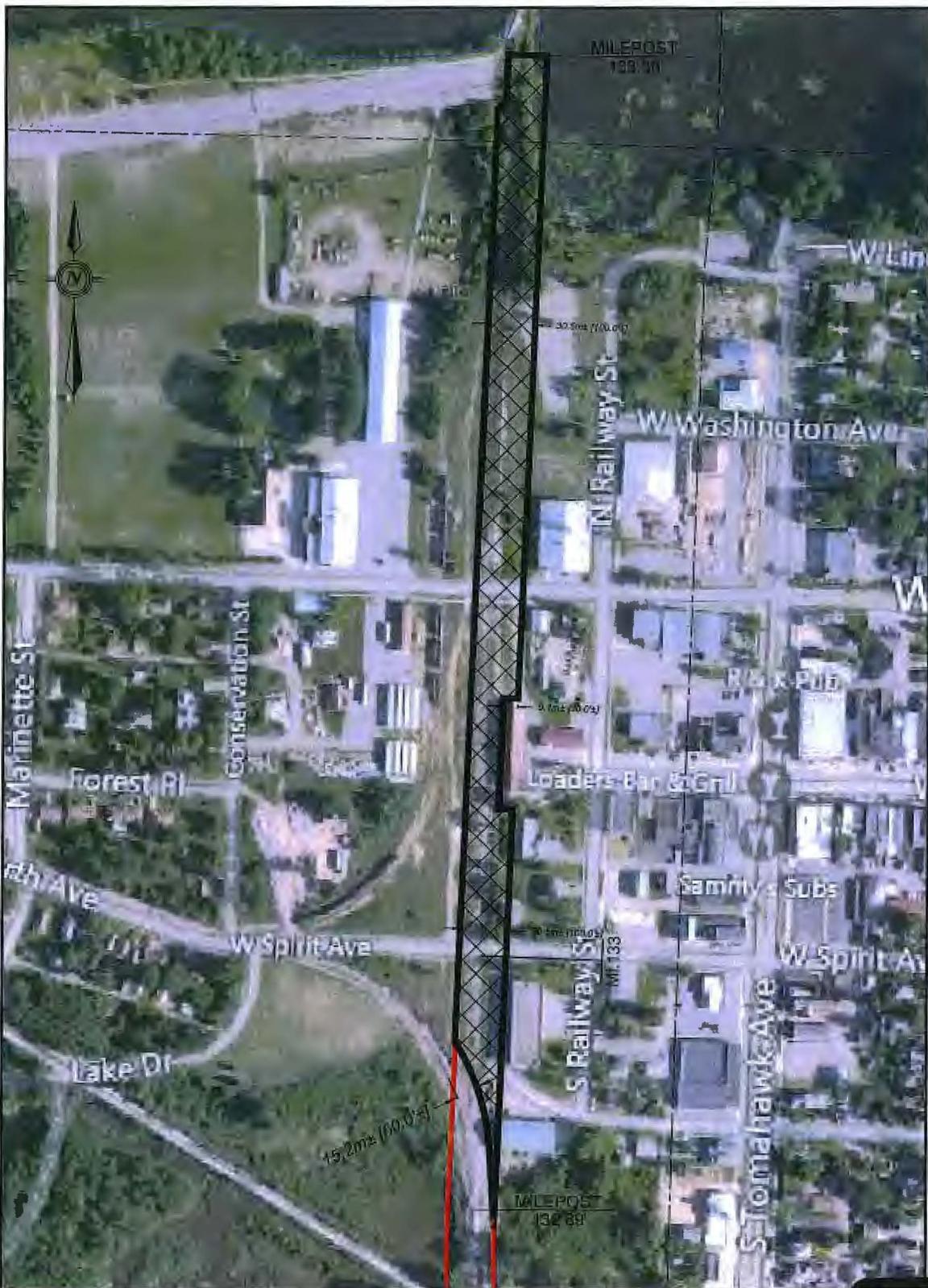
Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: October 7, 2015

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DESCRIPTION:
 Tomahawk
 State of Wisconsin
 United States of America

THIS IS NOT A PLAN OF SURVEY
 CECI N'EST PAS UN PLAN D'ARPENTAGE

 **Subject Lands**
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.
AB 303 (SUB NO. 47X)

PROPERTY SKETCH	
SUBDIVISION:	Valley (496)
SPUR / ANTENNE:	N/A
MILEAGE / MILLIAIRE:	132.89 - 133.38
DATE:	February 27, 2015
	
SCALE / ÉCHELLE:	1:3000



EXHIBIT

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DOCKET NO AB-303 (SUB-NO. 47X)
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.
— ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION —
IN LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
CERTIFICATE AND VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss
COUNTY OF COOK)

Brian Buchanan, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That no local traffic has moved over the line of Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") at or about milepost 132.89 and extending to milepost 133.38 in Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, a distance of approximately 0.49 miles for at least two years, and that there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted over other lines; and

2. That no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the subject line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the last two years; and

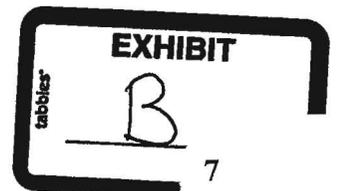
3. That he has read the foregoing Notice of Exemption, knows the facts therein asserted, and that the same are true as stated.

Dated: 9/17, 2015

Brian Buchanan
Name: Brian Buchanan
Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 17 day of September, 2015.

Rebecca S. Bott
Notary Public



C

CERTIFICATE

I, Audrey L. Brodrick, an attorney Wisconsin Central Ltd., hereby certify that, for the proceeding before the Surface Transportation Board known as Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 47X), Wisconsin Central Ltd. – Abandonment Exemption – in Lincoln County, Wisconsin:

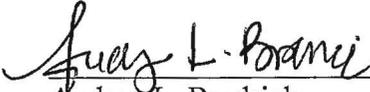
(1) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) have been complied with, to wit: On September 21, 2015, written notice was mailed to the (a) United States Department of Defense, MSDDC-TEA, Attn: Railroads for National Defense; (b) U.S. Department of Agriculture, Chief of the Forest Service; (c) National Center for Recreation and Conservation, National Park Service; and (d) Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rails and Harbors (copies of which are attached hereto as Attachments 1-4).

(2) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been complied with, to wit: on September 3, 2015, the Environmental and Historic Report for this proceeding, of which the original report has been concurrently filed with the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis, and the accompanying transmittal letters in the form set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 (a sample of which is attached hereto as Attachment 5) were served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the parties listed on Attachment 6, which list includes the state historic preservation officer, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) and § 1105.11.

(3) A newspaper notice was published on September 8, 2014, in *The Tomahawk Leader*, a newspaper of general circulation in Lincoln County, Wisconsin. The notice alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. Copies of the notice and Affidavit of Publication are attached to this certificate as Attachment 7.

(4) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. 1105.8 have been complied with.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2015.


Audrey L. Brodrick
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September 21, 2015

Railroads For National Defense Program
Military Surface Deployment & Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
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Scott AFB, IL 62225- 5006

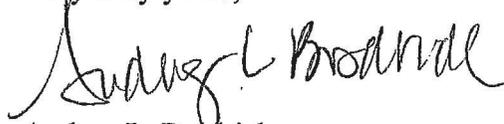
Re: Docket No. AB 303 (Sub No. 47X) –Wisconsin Central Ltd., Notice of
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The exemption procedures set forth in § 1152.50 are being used in this case because no local traffic has moved over this line for at least two years and there is no overhead traffic that would have to be rerouted over other lines. Based on information in our possession, the line **does not** contain any federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

Very truly yours,



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Mr. Tom Tidwell
Chief of the Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250-0003

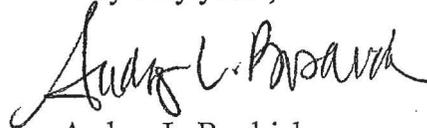
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National Park Service
Attention: Charlie Stockman
Org. 2220
1201 I (Eye) Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Docket No. AB 303 (Sub No. 47X) – Wisconsin Central Ltd., Notice of Exemption for Abandonment in Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

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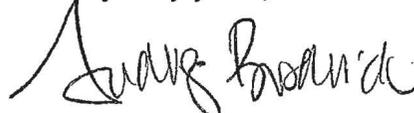
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March 6, 2015

Wisconsin Department of Administration
P.O. Box 7868
101 East Wilson Street, 6th Floor
Madison, WI 53707-7868

Re: Docket AB-303 (Sub-No. 47X) Wisconsin Central Ltd.-Proposed Abandonment
in Lincoln County, Wisconsin

Dear Sir/Madam:

Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") is planning to file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") for the abandonment of 0.49 miles of railroad beginning at Milepost 132.89 and extending north to Milepost 133.38 in Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin ("the Line").

For your convenience, we have attached a map for your reference. The Notice of Exemption will be filed pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b), covering abandonment of rail lines over which no local traffic has moved during at least the previous two years.

WCL is advising you of the proposed action so you may assist us in identifying any potential effects of the proposed action on, among other things, the following:

1. Water quality;
2. Designated wetlands;
3. 100-year old flood plains;
4. Endangered or threatened species;
5. Critical habitats;
6. Wildlife sanctuaries or refuges;
7. National or state parks or forests;
8. Coastal zone management;
9. Soil and natural resource conservations;
10. Agricultural land;
11. Regional and/or local use plans; and
12. The need or permits under Sections 402 or 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Because of the nature of the proposed action, we foresee no adverse effects. Nevertheless, we would appreciate your review and any comments you may wish to offer. We would appreciate a written response as soon as possible so that we may include it in the Environmental/Historic Report for the proposed abandonment. Any written comments should reference Docket No. AB-303 (Sub.-No. 47X) and be sent to the undersigned, as counsel for WCL.

FLETCHER & SIPPEL LLC

Wisconsin Department of Administration
March 6, 2015
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In accordance with the STB's regulations, a copy of the Environmental/Historic Report will be forwarded to you at least twenty days before WCL's notice of exemption is filed at the STB.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Audrey L. Brodrick
Counsel for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

ALB:dg
Enclosure

Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 47X)

Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Proposed Abandonment—Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

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State Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Jon Simonsen, Environmental Review Coordinator
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Madison, WI 53708-8944

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Mr. Robert Lussow
Lincoln County Board Chair
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Tomahawk, WI 54487

Head of Town (if applicable)

Mayor Clarann Stocker
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U.S. EPA Region 5
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Chicago, IL 60604

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
2800 Lake Shore Drive East-Suite B
Ashland, WI 54806-2427

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

St. Paul District (CEMVPA-PA)
190 Fifth Street East
St. Paul, MN 55101-1638

National Park Service

National Park Service
Department of Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

U.S. Soil Conservation Service –Natural Resource Conservation Service

Mr. Gregory Hines
RC&D Coordinator
Natural Resource Conservation Service
3071 Voyager Drive, Suite E
Green Bay, WI 54311-8343

National Geodetic Survey

National Geodetic Survey Information Services
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SSMC-3, #9202
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Silver Springs, Maryland 20910-3282

Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management

Mr. David M. Kennedy
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
NOAA Ocean Service
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Springs, Maryland 20910

State Historical Agency

Wisconsin Historical Society
Division of Historic Preservation
Office of Preservation Planning
816 State Street
Madison, WI 53706

NOTICE

Wisconsin Central Ltd. gives notice that on or after September 22, 2015, 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 0.49 miles of railroad line starting at MP 132.89 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin and ending at MP 133.38 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin and which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 54487 in Lincoln County, Wisconsin. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 47X).

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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STATE OF WISCONSIN

Lincoln County

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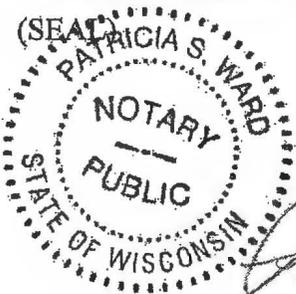
(SECTION 4173)

KATHLEEN A. TOBIN being first duly sworn according to law, on oath, says that he (she) is an authorized representative of THE TOMAHAWK LEADER, a weekly newspaper, printed and published in the City of Tomahawk, County and State afore said, and that the notice or advertisement, of which the annexed is a true printed copy taken from said paper, was published in the full edition of said paper on the following dates:

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

(Signed) Kathleen A. Tobin
PUBLISHER (Title)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8 day of SEPTEMBER 2015.



Patricia S. Ward

Notary Public, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

My Commission expires 12-07-2018

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-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") submits this Environmental/Historic Report in compliance with the reporting requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8. Supporting correspondence is attached. It is the conclusion of this Report that the proposed abandonment, if implemented, will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)

1. Proposed Action and Alternatives. WCL seeks to abandon a line of railroad, referred to herein as the "Line," extending from milepost 132.89 to milepost 133.38 in Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, a distance of approximately 0.49 miles. A map showing the location of the Line is attached hereto as Appendix A. The Line extended through WCL's former Tomahawk Yard, and rail and other track materials have been removed. The rail line north of milepost 133.38 was previously abandoned and sold for development as a trail under the National Trails System Act. See Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Abandonment Exemption – Near Tomahawk and Heafford Junction, WI, Docket No. AB-343 (Sub-No. 1X) (ICC served July 12, 1991) and Stanley E.G. Hillman, Trustee of the Property of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company, Debtor – Abandonment – Near

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Tomahawk and Heafford Junction, in Lincoln County, WI, Docket No. AB-7 (Sub-No. 63F)
(ICC served July 12, 1991).

There have been no rail shipments of any kind on the Line for more than two years, and no reasonable possibility for the development of new rail traffic exists. Tracks, ties and other track material have been salvaged, and the railbed and subgrade of the Line will remain in place and not be disturbed. There are currently two public grade crossings located on the Line, at West Spirit and West Somio Avenues. Both crossings were equipped with crossbucks and have been paved over. Subsequent to abandonment, these grade crossings will be permanently closed. There are no trestles or bridges on the Line. A former depot located adjacent to the right of way as well as the underlying property on which it sits are not owned by WCL. The State Historic Preservation Office within the Wisconsin Historical Society ("SHPO") has been notified of the proposed abandonment and has confirmed that no historical properties will be affected by the proposed abandonment.

The City of Tomahawk has expressed interest in using the abandoned corridor to extend the existing trail located north of the Line, and WCL is working with the City of Tomahawk to develop that possibility. WCL has contacted and requested comments from the Lincoln County Board as well as the Tomahawk Mayor. See correspondence attached herein as Appendix B. To date WCL has not received comments back from either the Lincoln County Board Chair or the Mayor of Tomahawk.

2. Transportation System. WCL does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be affected by the proposed abandonment. No rail service is currently provided on the Line and, thus, no traffic will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed abandonment. There is no overhead

traffic on the Line, and no passenger trains are operated over the Line. A shipper facility to the west of WCL's former Tomahawk Yard site is served by a spur track off of a different WCL line, and neither the spur track nor the service to that facility will be affected by the proposed abandonment.

WCL has contacted and requested comments from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. See correspondence attached hereto as Appendix C. Wisconsin Department of Transportation has not responded to WCL's letter.

3. Land Use.

(i) WCL does not foresee any inconsistency with regional and/or local land use plans. As indicated above, the City of Tomahawk wishes to extend an existing trail over the right-of-way of the Line, and the proposed abandonment is consistent with those plans. WCL also has contacted and requested comments from the NOAA/National Geodetic Survey, which has indicated that no geodetic survey marks are located on the Line. See correspondence attached herein as Appendix D.

(ii) WCL believes that the proposed abandonment of the Line, which is located within the City of Tomahawk, will not affect any prime or unique agricultural land. WCL has contacted and requested comments from the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. See correspondence attached herein as Appendix E. WCL has received no comments to date.

(iii) The Line does not appear to be within a designated Coastal Zone Management Area and, accordingly, the proposed abandonment will not affect any land or water uses in such an area or result in any coastal impacts. WCL has contacted the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program within the Wisconsin Department of Administration to determine whether

the proposed abandonment is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water quality standards. WCL has received no comments to date. See correspondence attached hereto as Appendix F. WCL also separately contacted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 5 Office which has jurisdiction over the geographic area in which the Line is located. See Appendix G. WCL has received no comments to date from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 5 Office.

(iv) The right-of-way of the Line appears to be suitable for an alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 as a trail. The City of Tomahawk has expressed interest in using the abandoned corridor as an extension of an existing trail and WCL is exploring that as a possibility.

4. Energy.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. No energy resource commodities move on the Line, and WCL foresees little or no possibility that such on-line traffic would develop in the future.

(ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No recyclable commodities move over the Line, and WCL foresees little possibility that any on-line recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.

(iii) Abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. There is no freight traffic on the Line, and thus, there will be no changes in existing transportation patterns or energy usage as a result of the proposed abandonment.

(iv) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

5. Air.

(i) Not applicable. Abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line, (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%, or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment.

(ii) Not applicable. Lincoln County is not a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act. In any event, abandonment of the Line will not result in traffic increases which exceed the thresholds specified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C).

(iii) Not applicable. No ozone depleting materials are transported over the Line, and no such shipments would be diverted as a result of this abandonment.

WCL has contacted and requested comments from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. See Appendices H and G. Neither agency has responded to WCL's notification letter.

6. Noise. Not applicable. As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the abandonment.

7. Safety.

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety. As indicated above, abandonment will allow the permanent closure of two rail-highway grade crossings.

(ii) Not applicable. No hazardous materials are transported on the Line, and thus no such shipments would be diverted as a result of abandonment. Accordingly, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) There are no known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right-of-way of the Line.

8. Biological Resources.

(i) The Line is located within the limits of the City of Tomahawk, Wisconsin, a municipality with a population of approximately 3,800. The Line passes through what was previously WCL's Tomahawk Yard, and no alteration of the railbed or subgrade is contemplated. There is a potential for the abandoned corridor to be used for trail purposes. WCL thus does not believe that any critical habitat will be destroyed, altered or affected as a result of the proposed abandonment, or that any endangered or threatened species are present in the area or would be adversely affected. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has been contacted, and WCL has received no comments to date. See correspondence attached as Appendix I. WCL also has requested comments from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has also not yet responded to WCL's notification of the proposed abandonment. See correspondence attached as Appendix H.

(ii) The Line does not pass through or adjacent to any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges or any national or state parks or forests and, accordingly, none will be adversely affected. WCL has contacted and requested comments from the National Park Service, as set forth in Appendix J. WCL has received no comments from the National Park Service to date.

9. Water. WCL does not believe that there will be any water quality effects of the proposed abandonment because the Line is not located near any navigable waters and as such, WCL does not anticipate discharge of any materials into navigable waters that would require permits under Sections 402 and 404 of the Clean Water Act. Additionally, the Line does not appear to be within a Coastal Zone. To WCL's knowledge, there are no wetlands located in or along the right-of-way of the Line, most of which was previously a small railroad yard, and WCL is unaware of any 100-year flood plains that would be affected by abandonment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been contacted and has responded that the proposed abandonment will have no effect on Army Corps projects. See correspondence attached hereto as Appendix K. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has also been contacted and, to date, has not responded. See correspondence attached as Appendix I. Information on the proposed abandonment also has been provided to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. See correspondence attached as Appendices G and H, respectively. To date, neither agency has responded to WCL's notification letter.

HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d)

1. Map. A map of the Line is attached hereto as Appendix A.
2. Description of Line. The line to be abandoned begins at milepost 132.89 which is the point at which WCL's main line to Bradley, Wisconsin diverges to the northwest, and extends to the end of track at milepost 133.38, which served as the north end of WCL's former Tomahawk Yard. The entirety of the Line is in Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin and totals a distance of approximately 0.49 miles. The area around the Line is flat and generally light industrial property. The width of the right-of-way is generally 100 feet.

3. Photographs. Not applicable. There are no buildings, bridges or other structures on the Line which are fifty years old or older.

4. Information on Structures. Not applicable. There are no buildings, bridges or other structures on the Line which are fifty years old or older.

5. History of Operations. The Line was constructed in 1887 by a predecessor of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company (the "Milwaukee Road"), and formed part of a branch line extending from a connection with the Milwaukee Road's main line at New Lisbon, Wisconsin through Wausau and Tomahawk to Minocqua, Wisconsin and Blue Bill, Michigan. In 1979, the Milwaukee Road was authorized to abandon its rail line north of milepost 133.38, a segment that was then acquired by the State of Wisconsin and subsequently converted to a trail. Stanley E.G. Hillman, Trustee of the Property of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company, Debtor – Abandonment – Near Tomahawk and Heafford Junction, in Lincoln County, WI, Docket No. AB-7 (Sub-No. 63F) (ICC served September 7, 1979, November 9, 1988 and July 12, 1991) and Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Abandonment Exemption – Near Tomahawk and Heafford Junction, WI, Docket No. AB-343 (Sub-No. 1X) (ICC served July 12, 1991). The Line was retained as a stub extending north from the connection between the Milwaukee Road and the Marinette, Tomahawk & Western Railroad Company, and served as the Milwaukee Road's Tomahawk Yard. The Line and other Milwaukee Road trackage in the area was acquired by Soo Line Railroad Company in 1985, and subsequently by WCL in 1987. See Wisconsin Central Ltd. – Exemption Acquisition and Operation – Certain Lines of Soo Line Railroad Company, Finance Docket No. 31102 (ICC served September 16, 1987). WCL used the Line for general freight traffic and yard purposes, but has not conducted rail operations on the Line for several years.

6. Engineering Documents. There are no buildings, bridges or other structures on the Line, and thus WCL does not anticipate that it would have relevant engineering documents. WCL will provide copies of any documents in its possession upon request.

7. Historic Criteria. WCL has contacted and requested comments from the State Historic Preservation Office within the Wisconsin Historical Society ("SHPO"). See correspondence attached as Appendix L. The SHPO has responded that no historical properties will be affected by WCL's proposed abandonment. See correspondence attached as Appendix L.

8. Ground Disturbances. WCL is unaware of archaeological resources in the area, and believe that substantial ground disturbance occurred when the Line and adjacent yard trackage was originally constructed more than a century ago. Access to the line is generally good.

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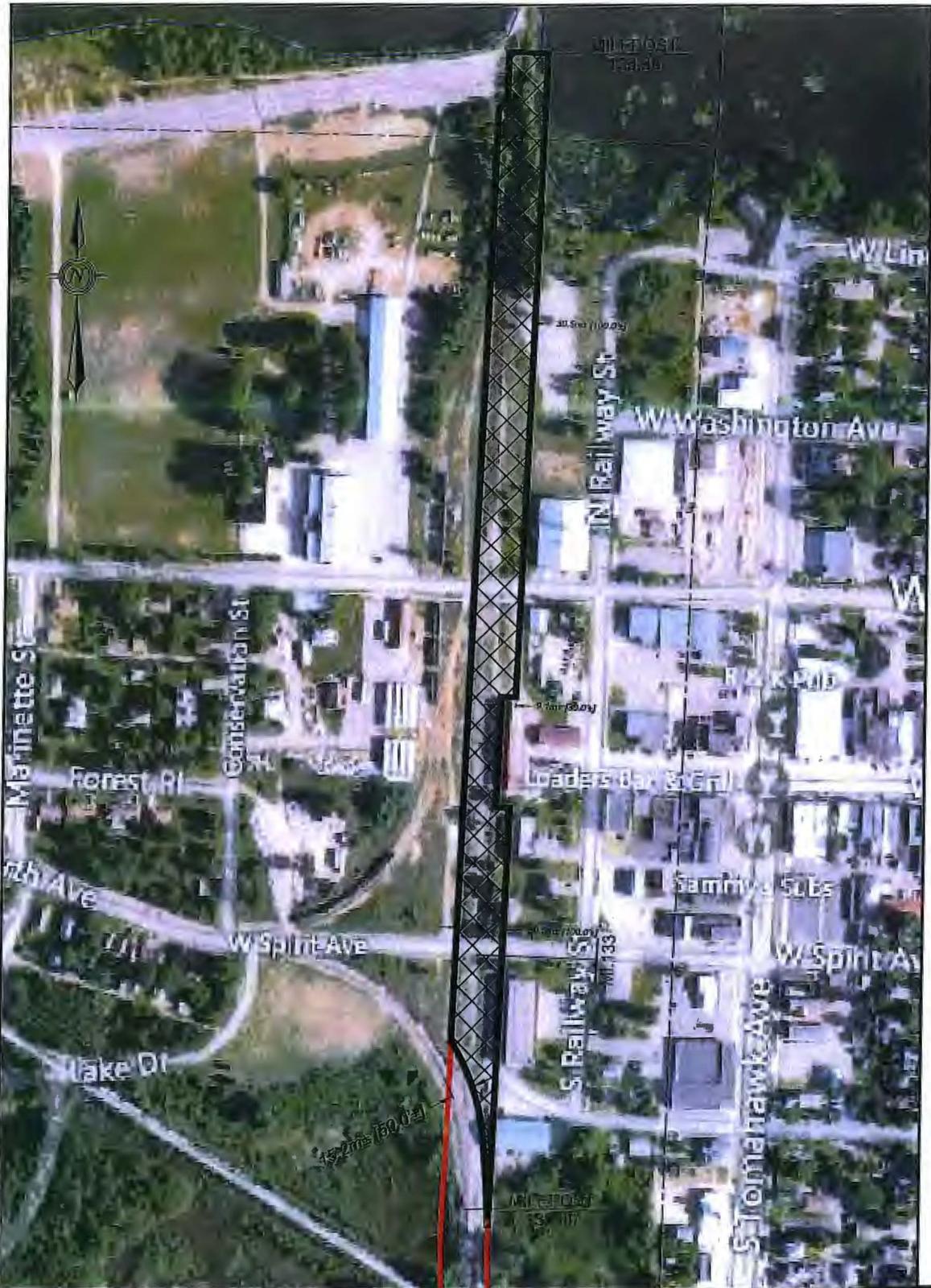
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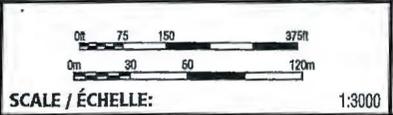


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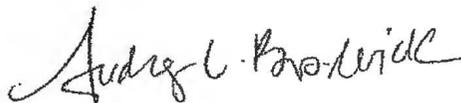
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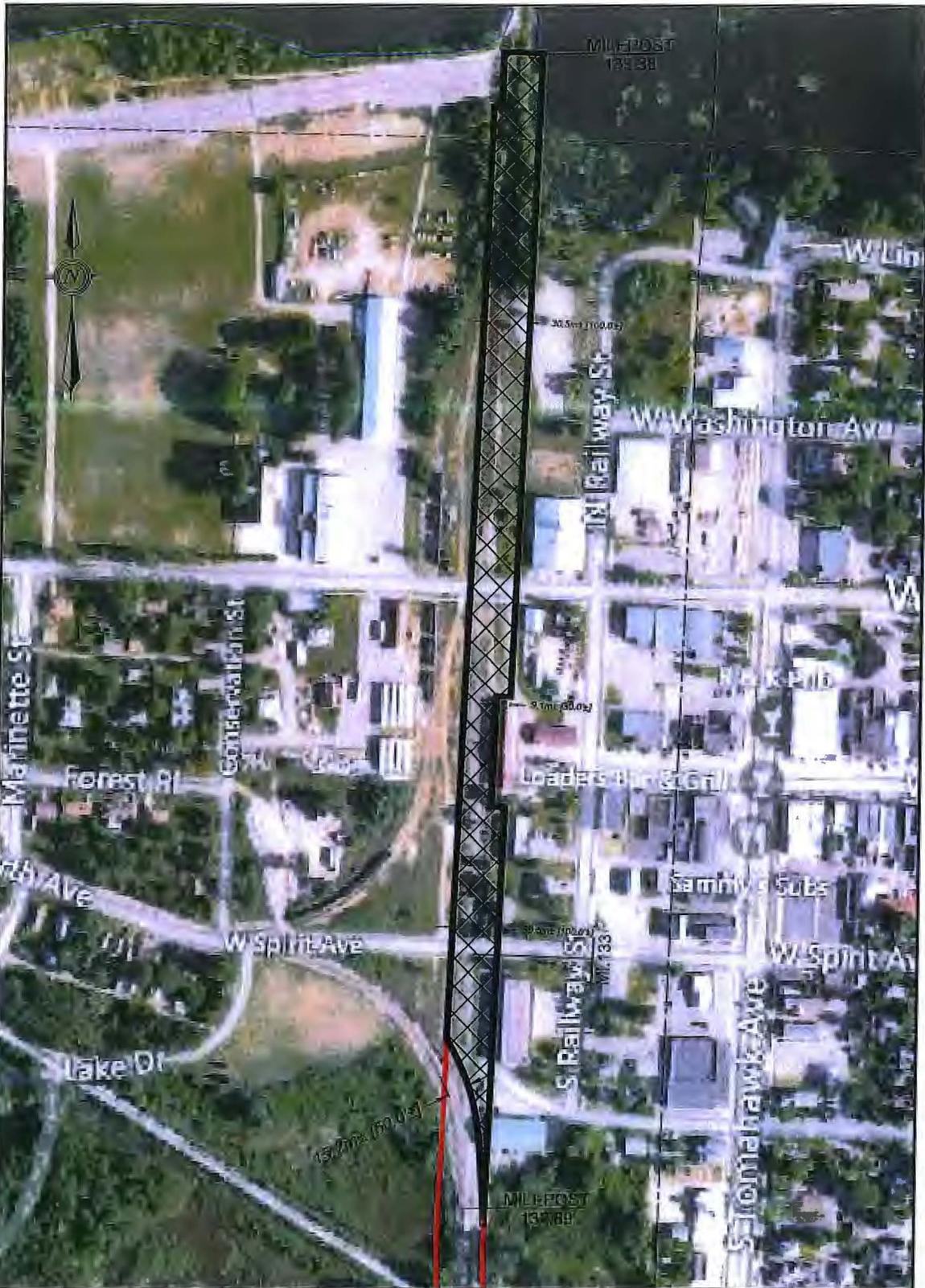
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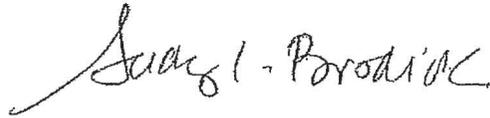
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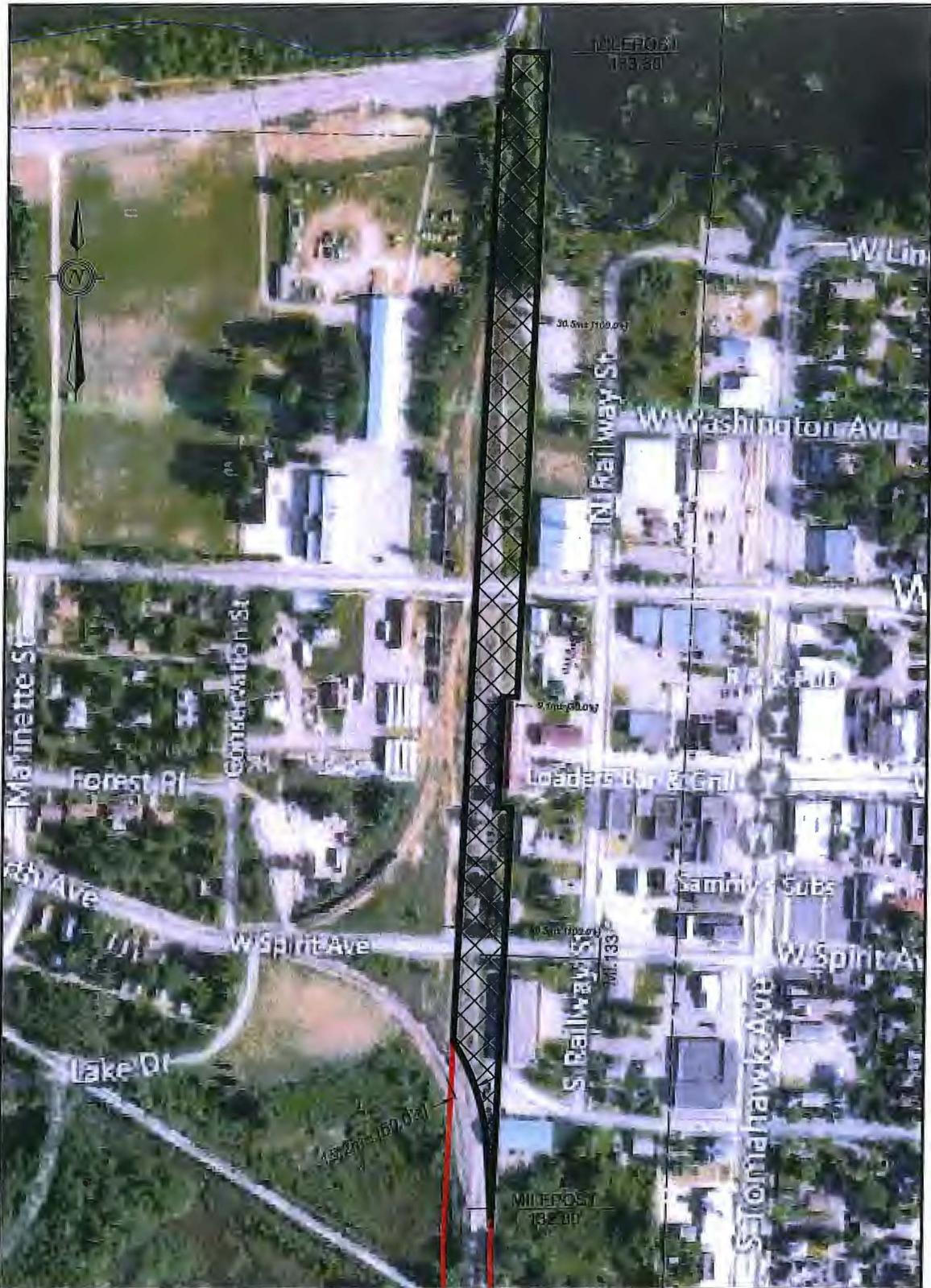
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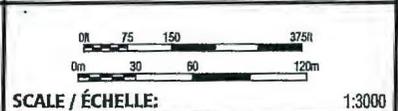


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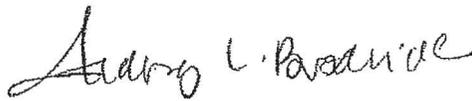
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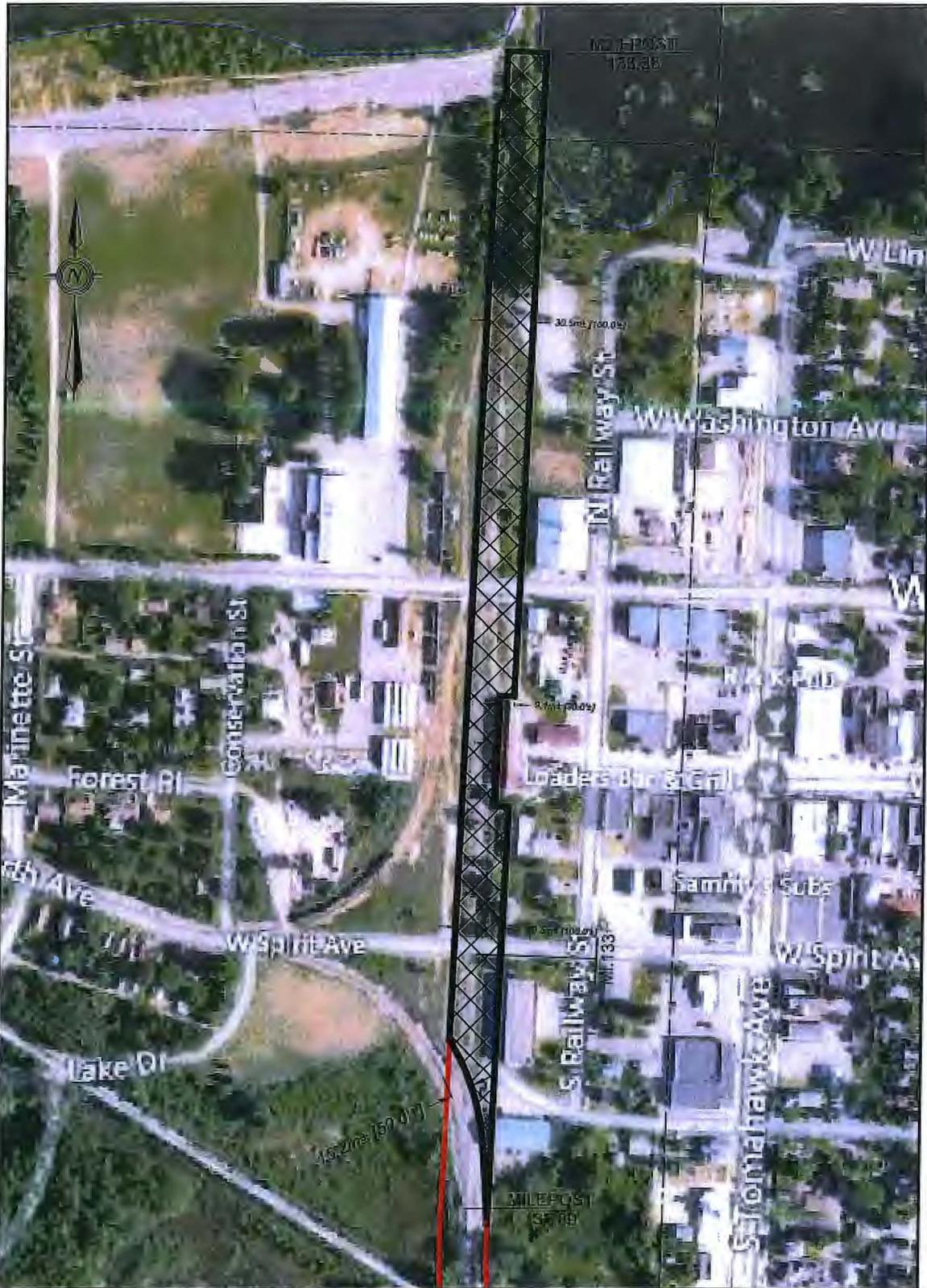
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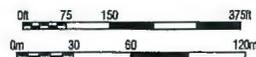
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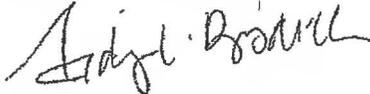
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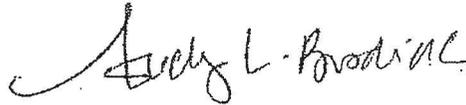
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-----Original Message-----

From: Simon Monroe [mailto:simon.monroe@noaa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 5:33 PM
To: Audrey Brodrick
Cc: Surface Transportation Board; Lucy Hall; Simon Monroe
Subject: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-303 (SUB NO. 047X)

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for
TOMAHAWK, Lincoln County, WISCONSIN.

Approximately 00 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described.

If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD] shall
consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to
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No Stations Found.

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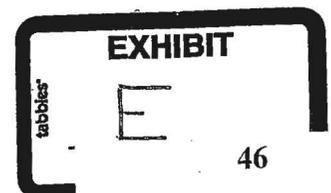
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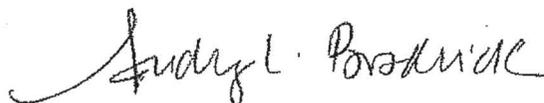
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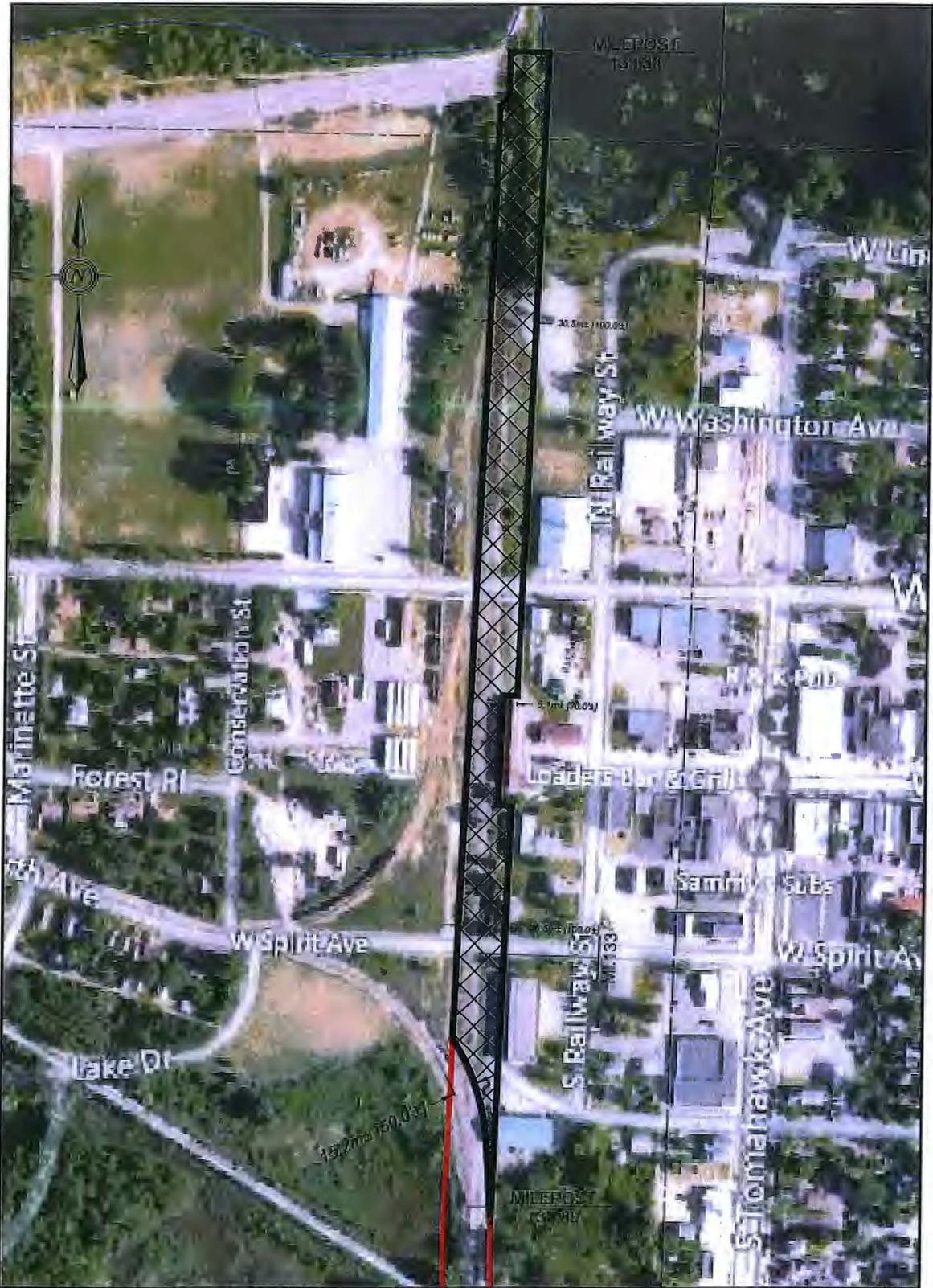
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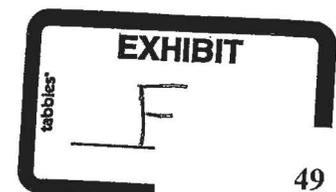
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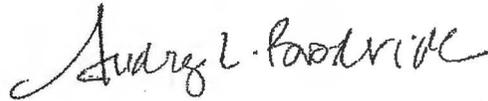
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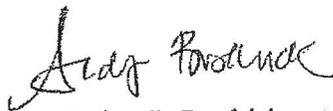
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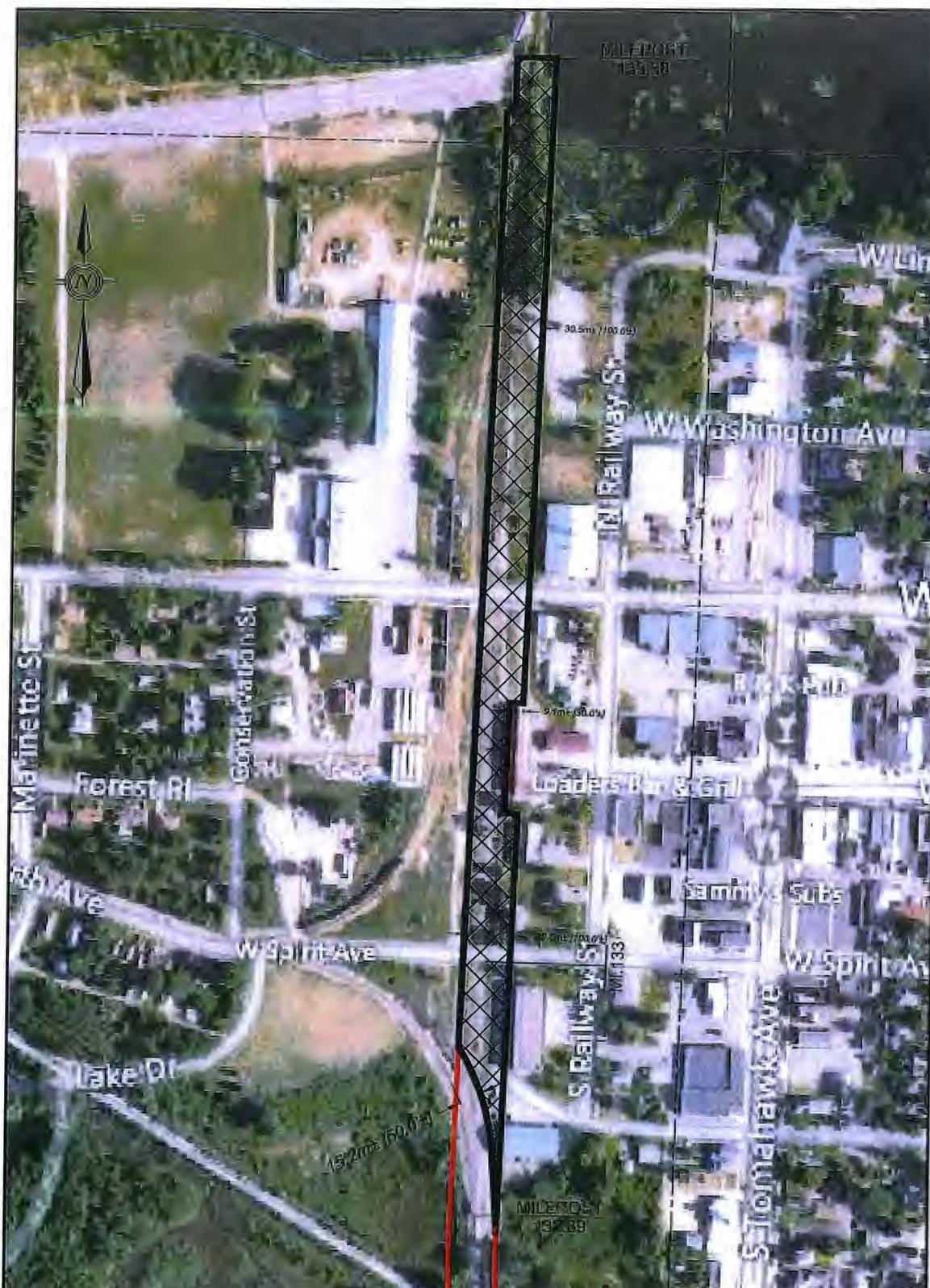
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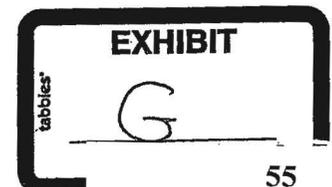
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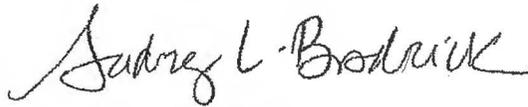
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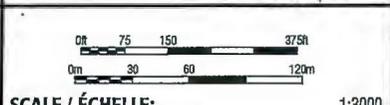
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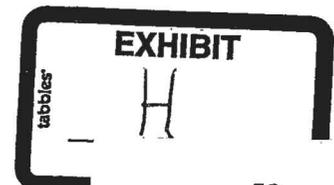
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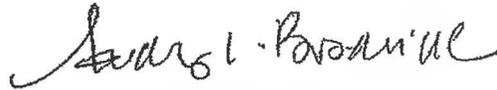
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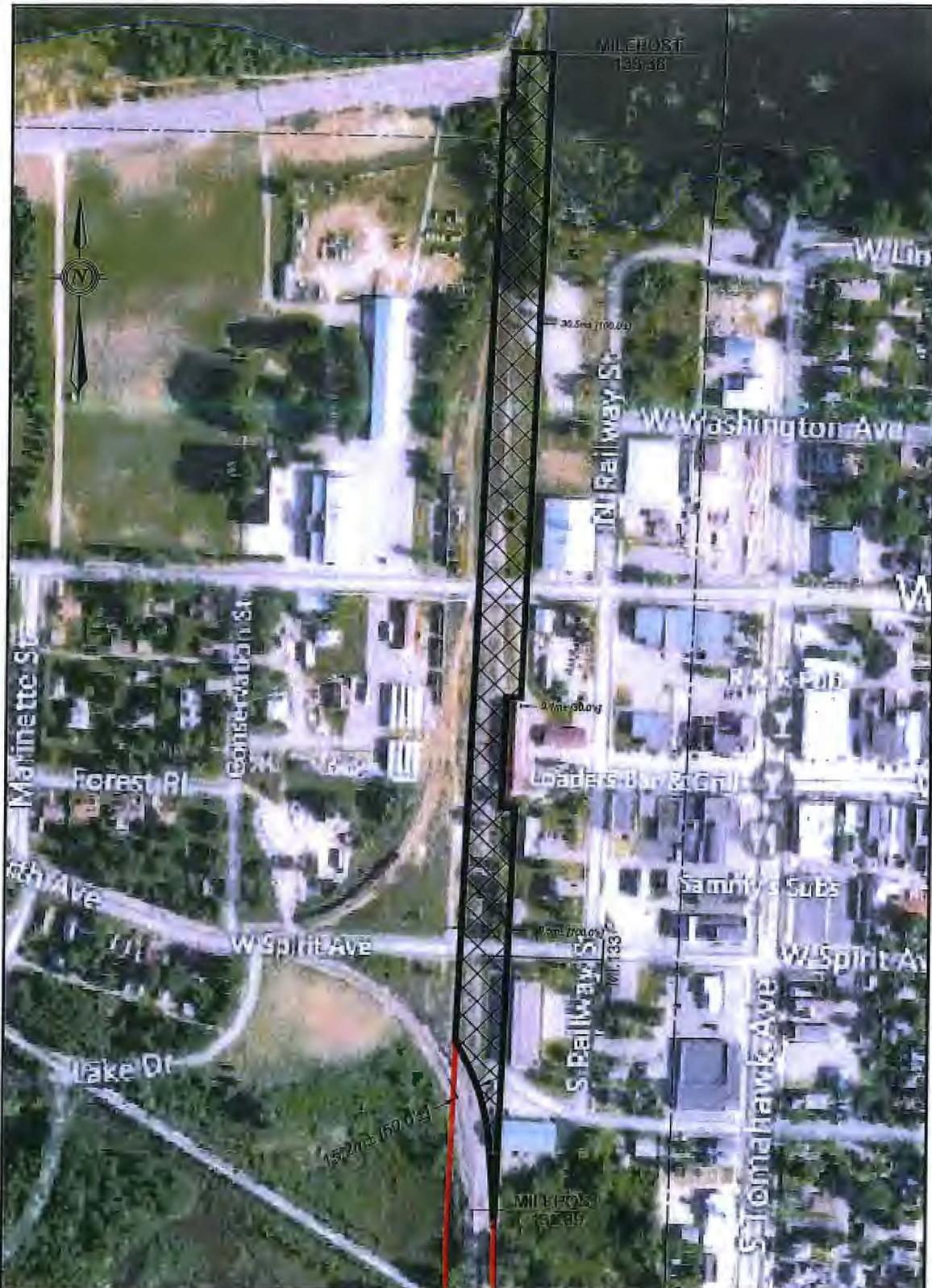
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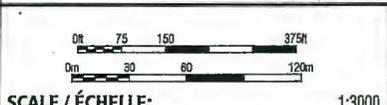
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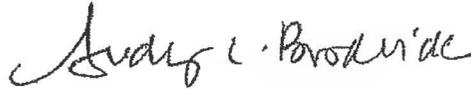
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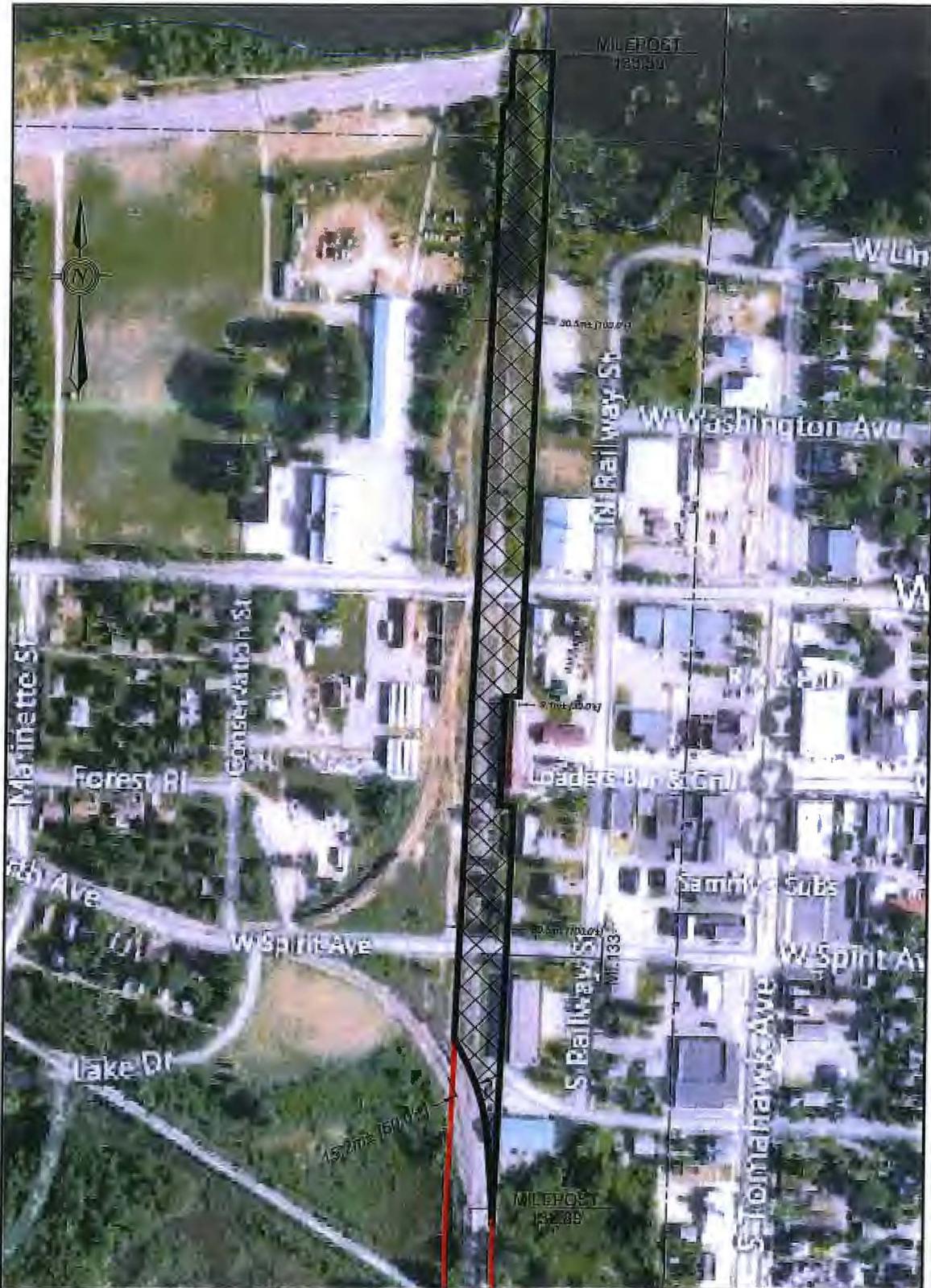
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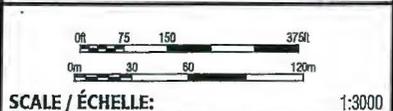
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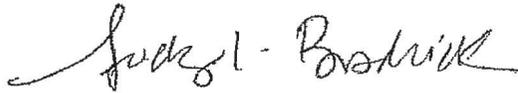
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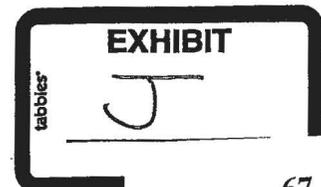
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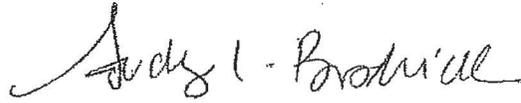
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March 6, 2015
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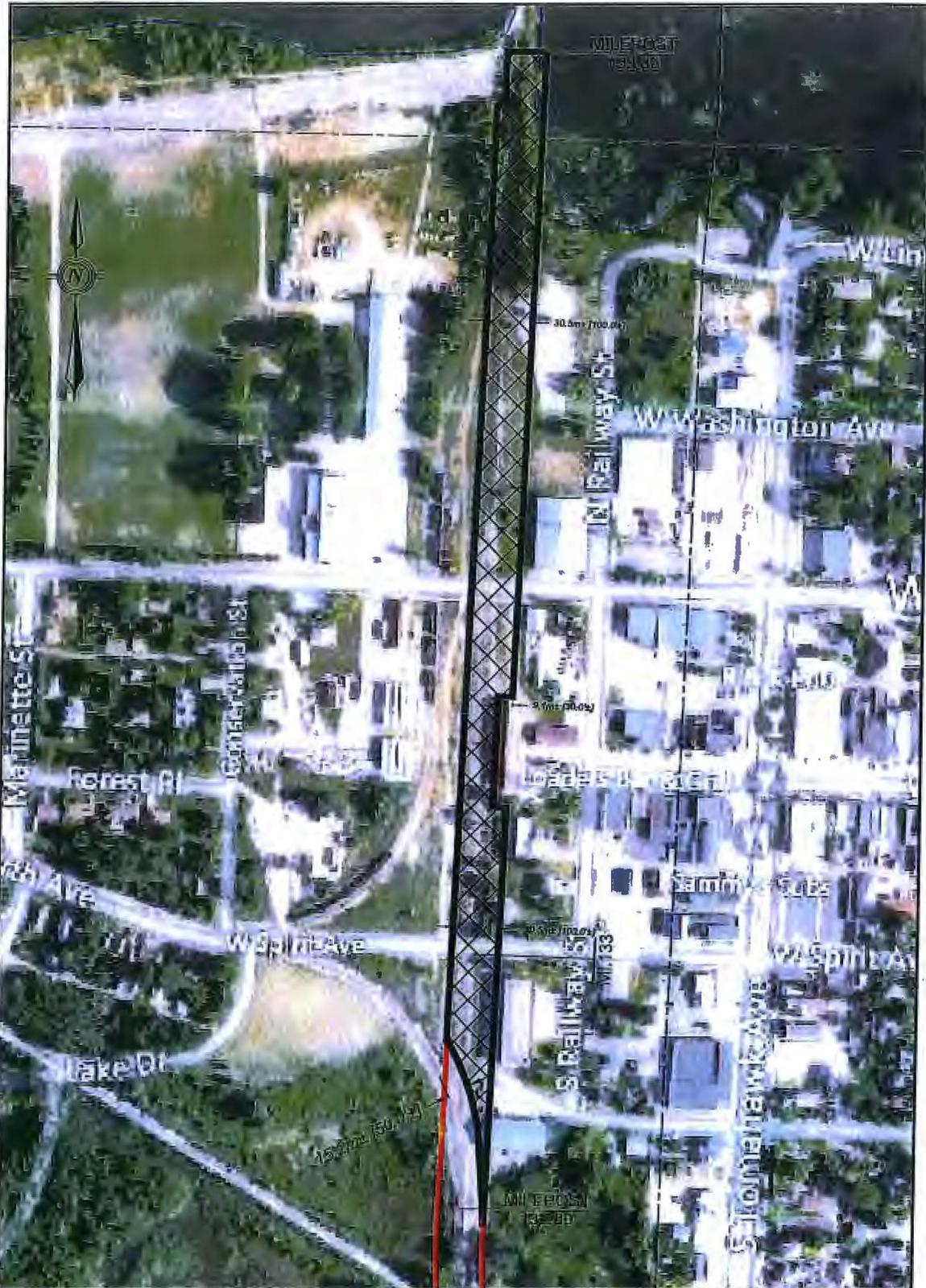
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Very truly yours,

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Audrey L. Brodrick
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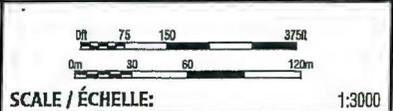
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SUBDIVISION:	Valley (486)
SPUR / ANTENNE:	N/A
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DATE:	February 27, 2015

 **Subject Lands**
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.
AB 303 (SUB NO. 47X)



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March 6, 2015

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
St. Paul District (CEMVPA-PA)
190 Fifth Street East
St. Paul, MN 55101-1638

Re: Docket AB-303 (Sub-No. 47X) Wisconsin Central Ltd.-Proposed Abandonment
in Lincoln County, Wisconsin

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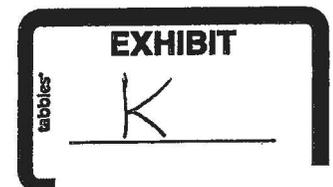
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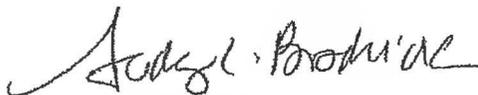
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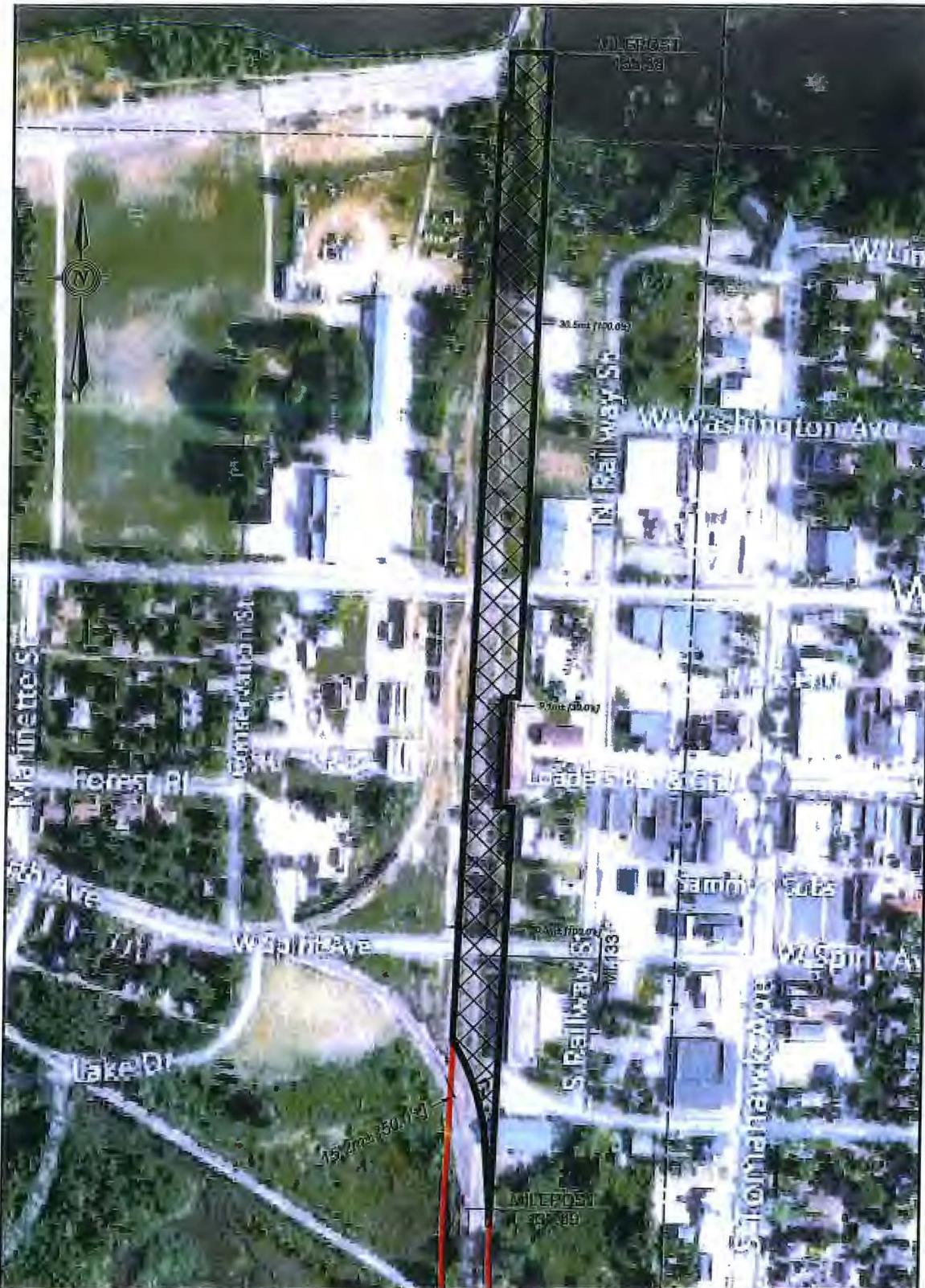
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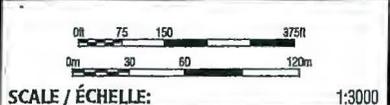
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ST. PAUL DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
180 FIFTH STREET EAST, SUITE 700
ST. PAUL MN 55101-1678

April 3, 2015

Programs and Project Management Division
Project Management Branch (PM-B)

SUBJECT: Docket AB-303 (Sub-No. 47X) Wisconsin Central Ltd.-Proposed
Abandonment in Lincoln County, Wisconsin

Audrey L. Brodrick
Fletcher & Sippel, LLC
29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920
Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832

Dear Ms. Brodrick:

We are replying to your March 6, 2015, letter regarding the proposed abandonment of 0.49 miles of railroad beginning at milepost 132.89 and extending north to milepost 133.38 in Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

The proposed railroad track abandonment as described in your letter will not affect any existing Corps of Engineers civil works projects. We do not anticipate future impacts to any Corps of Engineers civil works projects by the St. Paul District.

Be advised that the proposed project is located within the Saint Paul District's Regulatory jurisdiction and will require further coordination with Mr. Jeff Olson at the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Office, 180 5th Street East, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1678, regarding permit requirements for the St. Paul District.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to Mr. Olson of the St. Paul District Regulatory office. Please note that this letter does not eliminate the need for State, local, or other authorizations, such as those of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Snyder, PMP
Chief, Project Management Branch (PM-B)

cc:
CEMVP-OP-R/Olson

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March 6, 2015

Wisconsin Historical Society
Division of Historic Preservation and Public History
816 State Street
Madison, WI 53706

Re: Docket AB 303 (Sub No. 47X) -Wisconsin Central Ltd.
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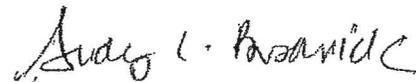
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Any written comments should reference Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 47X) and should be sent to the undersigned, as counsel for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

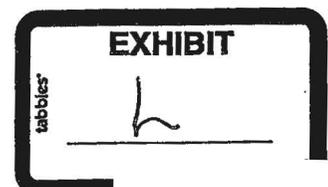
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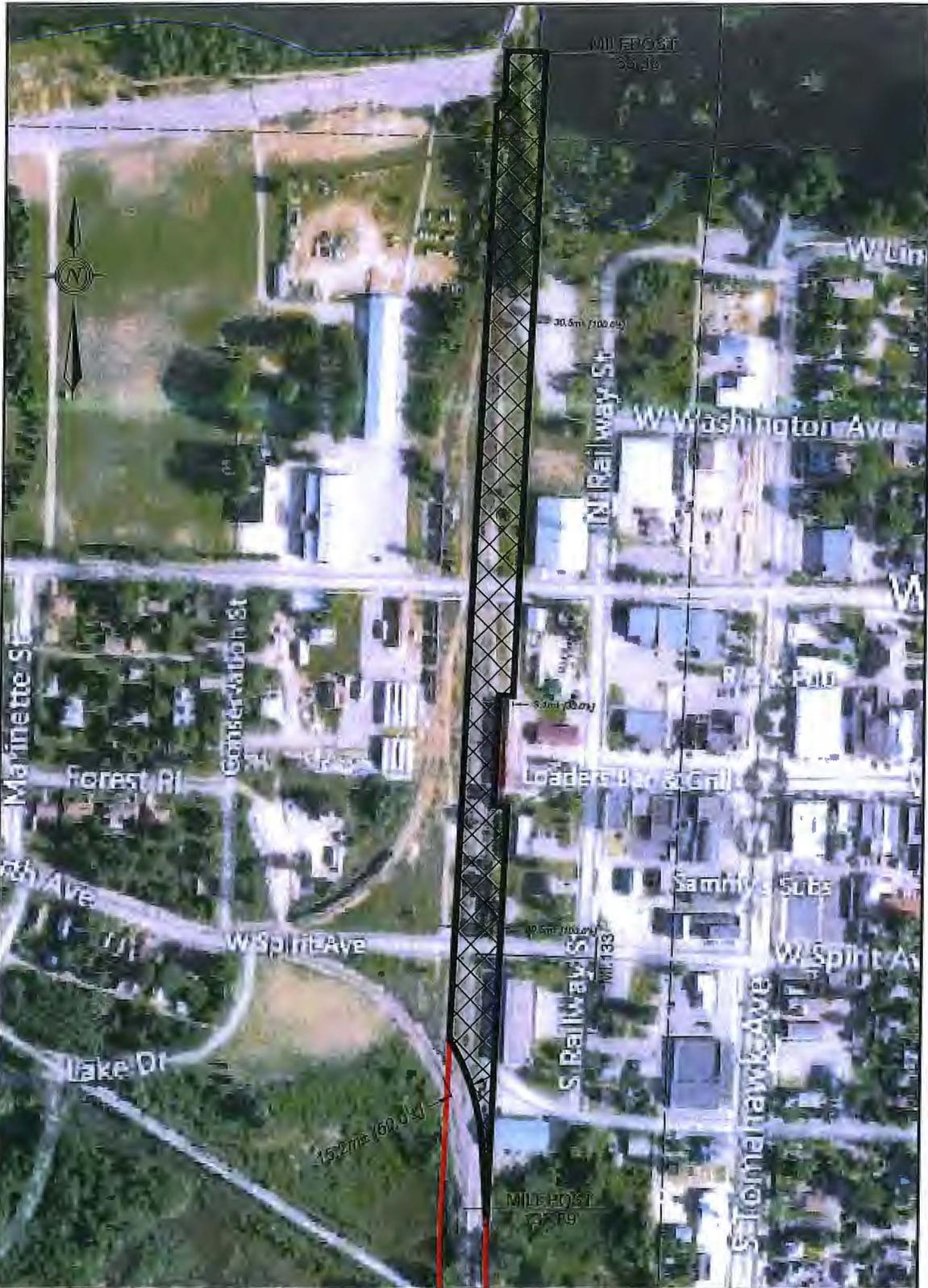
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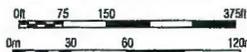
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REQUEST FOR SHPO COMMENT AND CONSULTATION ON A FEDERAL UNDERTAKING

Submit one copy with each undertaking for which our comment is requested. Please print or type. Return to:

Wisconsin Historical Society, Division of Historic Preservation, Office of Preservation Planning, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

Please Check All Boxes and Include All of the Following Information, as Applicable:

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Checkboxes for: This is a new submittal, This is supplemental information relating to Case #, This project is being undertaken pursuant to the terms and conditions of a programmatic or other interagency agreement. The title of the agreement is.

- a. Federal Agency Jurisdiction (Agency providing funds, assistance, license, permit): Surface Transportation Board
b. Federal Agency Contact Person: Cynthia Brown, Chief Section of Administration, Rachel Campbell Phone: 202-245-0245
c. Project Contact Person: Audrey Brodrick Phone: 312-262-1518
d. Return Address: Feltcher & Sippel LLC, 29 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL Zip Code: 60606
e. Email Address: abrodrick@fletcher-sippel.com
f. Project Name: Wisconsin Central Ltd. Proposed Abandonment in Lincoln County, Wisconsin, AB- 303 (Sub No. 47X)
g. Project Street Address: n/a Rail Line in Tomahawk, Wisconsin from milepost 132.89 - 133.38 along S. Railway street
h. County: Lincoln City: Tomahawk Zip Code: 54487
i. Project Location: Township, Range, E/W (circle one), Section, Quarter Sections
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II. IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Authorized Signature: [Signature] Date: March 3, 2015

Type or print name: Audrey L. Brodrick

IV. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE COMMENTS

- Checkboxes for: Agree with the finding in section III above. Object to the finding for reasons indicated in attached letter. Cannot review until information is sent as follows:

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Type or print name: Audrey L. Brodrick

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Authorized Signature: Lyndee Cash Date: April 3 2015

There are historic properties along the rail line. Subsequent project may require additional work by a preservation professional to det. their eligibility.

WISCONSIN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FOR
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COUNTY, WISCONSIN

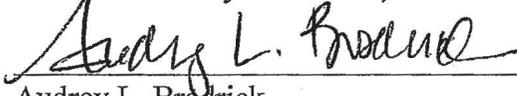
To: Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

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

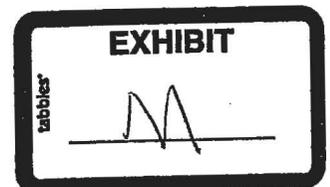
I hereby certify that on September 3, 2015 copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report for the above-captioned proceeding were served on the agencies listed at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b), all agencies consulted in preparing the reports, and on the Wisconsin Historical Society. A service list and 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 September 8, 2015 in *The Tomahawk Leader*, a newspaper of general circulation in Lincoln 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 6th day of October, 2015.



Audrey L. Brodrick
Counsel for Wisconsin Central Ltd.



Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 47X)

Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Proposed Abandonment—Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

SERVICE LIST

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PO Box 7921
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3071 Voyager Drive, Suite E.
Green Bay, WI 54311-8343

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National Geodetic Survey Information Services
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SSMC-3, #9202
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Springs, Maryland 20910-3282

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Mr. David M. Kennedy
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Re: Docket AB-303 (Sub-No. 47X) Wisconsin Central Ltd.-Proposed
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Dear Sir/Madam:

On or after September 23, 2015, Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption for the abandonment of WCL's railroad line extending from MP 132.89 and ending at MP 133.38 in Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, a distance of approximately 0.49 miles. Your review of and comments on this project were previously requested by letter dated March 6, 2015.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(b) and 1105.11, we are providing for your information the enclosed Environmental/Historic Report which will accompany the Notice of Exemption and which describes the proposed action and any expected environmental or historic effects. The Report also includes a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the Board's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Office of Environmental Analysis at the following address:

Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1106
Washington, DC 20423-0001
(202) 245-0295

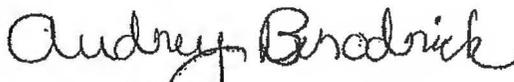
Your comments should reference Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 47X) and, if written, should include a copy to the undersigned. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the Office of Environmental Analysis would be appreciated within three weeks.

FLETCHER & SIPPEL LLC

Wisconsin Department of Administration
September 3, 2015
Page 2

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, you should feel free to contact me directly at 312-252-1518. Thank you for your assistance on this matter. Kind regards.

Very truly yours,



Audrey L. Brodrick
Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

ALB:dg
Enclosure

NOTICE

Wisconsin Central Ltd. gives notice that on or after September 22, 2015, 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 0.49 miles of railroad line starting at MP 132.89 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin and ending at MP 133.38 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin and which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 54487 in Lincoln County, Wisconsin. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 47X).

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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STATE OF WISCONSIN

Lincoln County

} ss.

(SECTION 4173)

KATHLEEN A. TOBIN being first duly sworn according to law, on oath, says that he (she) is an authorized representative of THE TOMAHAWK LEADER, a weekly newspaper, printed and published in the City of Tomahawk, County and State afore said, and that the notice or advertisement, of which the annexed is a true printed copy taken from said paper, was published in the full edition of said paper on the following dates:

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

(Signed) Kathleen A. Tobin PUBLISHER (Title)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8 day of SEPTEMBER 2015.



Patricia S. Ward

Notary Public, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

My Commission expires 12-07-2018

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Wisconsin Central Ltd. gives notice that on or after September 22, 2015, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1182 Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment of approximately 0.49 miles of railroad line starting at MP 132.88 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin and ending at MP 133.38 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin and which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 54487 in Lincoln County, Wisconsin. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 47X).
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 all 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, 305 E. Street SW, Washington, DC 20424 (See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)) and one copy must be served on applicant's 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. Brodsky, 29 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 220, Chicago, IL 60606.
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