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Re: Wisconsin Central, Ltd. – Abandonment Exemption – Ashland County, WI
STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub No. 26X)

Dear Ms. Brown,

The City of Ashland submits this letter in response to the Board's telephone inquiry regarding its petition to extend the negotiating period for the NITU in the above-listed proceeding.

This proceeding initially involved approximately 0.48 mile line of railroad from milepost 435.35 on Ashland's lakefront and traveling 2,552 feet to a point where it connects to a private spur that used to serve the C. Reiss Coal Company in the City and County of Ashland, WI. Since the initial filing, negotiations have continued in good faith, and now involve the environmental process described in the City's Petition, filed November 14, 2011. As noted in the filing, the western portion of the line has been conveyed by deed to the City, and the sale of the remaining portion of the line segment is still being negotiated.

Therefore, the City amends its petition to extend the NITU negotiating period, and respectfully requests that the NITU negotiating period be extended only for portion of the rail line segment that has not yet been conveyed: *The eastern portion of the rail segment, from Ellis Ave. east to a point where it connects to a private spur that used to serve C. Reiss Coal Company in Ashland, Ashland County, WI.*

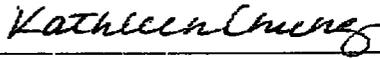
Please contact me with any questions or concerns, or if I can provide any additional information.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen Chung
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing Request for Extension of the NITU Negotiating Period in regards to **AB303 26X**, by electronic mail or regular mail, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1104.12, this 17th day of November 2011, on all parties of record on the service list.



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