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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1107X, West Michigan Railroad Co. – Abandonment
Exemption in Van Buren County, MI

Dear Ms. Brown and Messrs. Mullins, Wimbish and LaKemper,

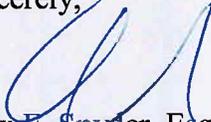
West Michigan Railroad (WMI) filed a verified Notice of Exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F – Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 10.67 miles of rail line between milepost 19.88 (west of the line's crossing of 56th Street near Lawrence, Michigan and

milepost 30.55 (east of Kalamazoo Street in Paw Paw, Mich.) in Van Buren County, MI. Notice of this exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on January 28, 2013.

The exemption was scheduled to become effective on February 27, 2013, however a formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance was timely filed by Great Lakes Locomotive, LLC (Great Lakes) to purchase the entire line which had the effect of automatically staying the effective date of the exemption until march 9, 2013. Great Lakes also requested that the time period for filing its OFA be tolled for an additional 30 days. WMI did not oppose Great Lake's request.

Pursuant to the Decision served by the Board March 7, 2013 in this matter the deadline for Great Lakes to file its OFA was extended to March 29, 2013. Great Lakes and WMI are currently engaged in negotiations to complete a purchase of the line. Great Lakes hereby respectfully requests the Board to extend that deadline an additional 30 days in order to allow the parties to complete these negotiations. It is Great Lakes' understanding that WMI does not oppose this extension.

Sincerely,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 28th day of March, 2013, the formal letter of Notice of request that the Board extend deadline an additional 30 days in order to allow the parties to complete negotiations, is being served by overnight mail to William A. Mullins, Esq, Robert A. Wimbish, Esq. and Daniel A. LaKemper and to the remaining parties listed below by first-class mail, postage prepaid at York, Pennsylvania, addressed as follows:

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