

FLETCHER & SIPPET LLC

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

29 North Wacker Drive
Suite 920
Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832

Phone: (312) 252-1500
Fax: (312) 252-2400
www.fletcher-sippel.com

AUDREY L. BRODRICK
(312) 252-1518
abrodrick@fletcher-sippel.com

January 15, 2016

239894

VIA E-FILE

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room #100
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

ENTERED
Office of Proceedings
January 15, 2016
Part of
Public Record

Re: Abandonment Exemption to Abandon Operations and Discontinue Service of the Rail Segment Extending from M.P. 55.2 and ending at M.P. 56.0, a distance of 0.80 miles in Rice Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 43X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") has received the executed Joint Notice of Interim Trail Use/Rail Banking Agreement Between WCL and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("WisDNR") in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(h) which is attached hereto with this e-filing.

Very truly yours,



Audrey L. Brodrick
Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

ALB:dg
Attachment

cc: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

FLETCHER & SIPPEL LLC

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

29 North Wacker Drive
Suite 920
Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832

AUDREY L. BRODRICK
(312) 252-1518
abrodrick@fletcher-sippel.com

Phone: (312) 252-1500
Fax: (312) 252-2400
www.fletcher-sippel.com

January 15, 2016

VIA E-FILE

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room #100
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**JOINT NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE/RAIL BANKING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WISCONSIN CENTRAL RAILROAD LTD. AND
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 49
C.F.R. 1152.29(h)**

**Re: Abandonment of and Discontinue of Service of Rail Segment in Rice Lake,
Barron County, Wisconsin, STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 43X)**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (“WCL”) and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (“WisDNR”) have entered into a trail use/rail banking agreement (the “Trail Use Agreement”) covering the Rail Segment Extending from M.P. 55.2 and ending at M.P. 56.0, in Rice Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin, for a total distance of 0.80 miles (the “Line”).¹ Attached to this Joint Notice as **Exhibit A** and made a part hereof is map depicting an accurate description of the Line, including mileposts, that is the subject of said Trail Use Agreement. In accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(h), WCL and WisDNR hereby certify that the Trail Use Agreement includes provisions requiring the trail sponsor, WisDNR, to fulfill the responsibilities described at 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(a)(2).

¹ WCL and WisDNR apologize for the late filing of this Joint Notice but have fully complied with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 in the instant Notice.

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 43X)
Page 2

Respectfully,

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.

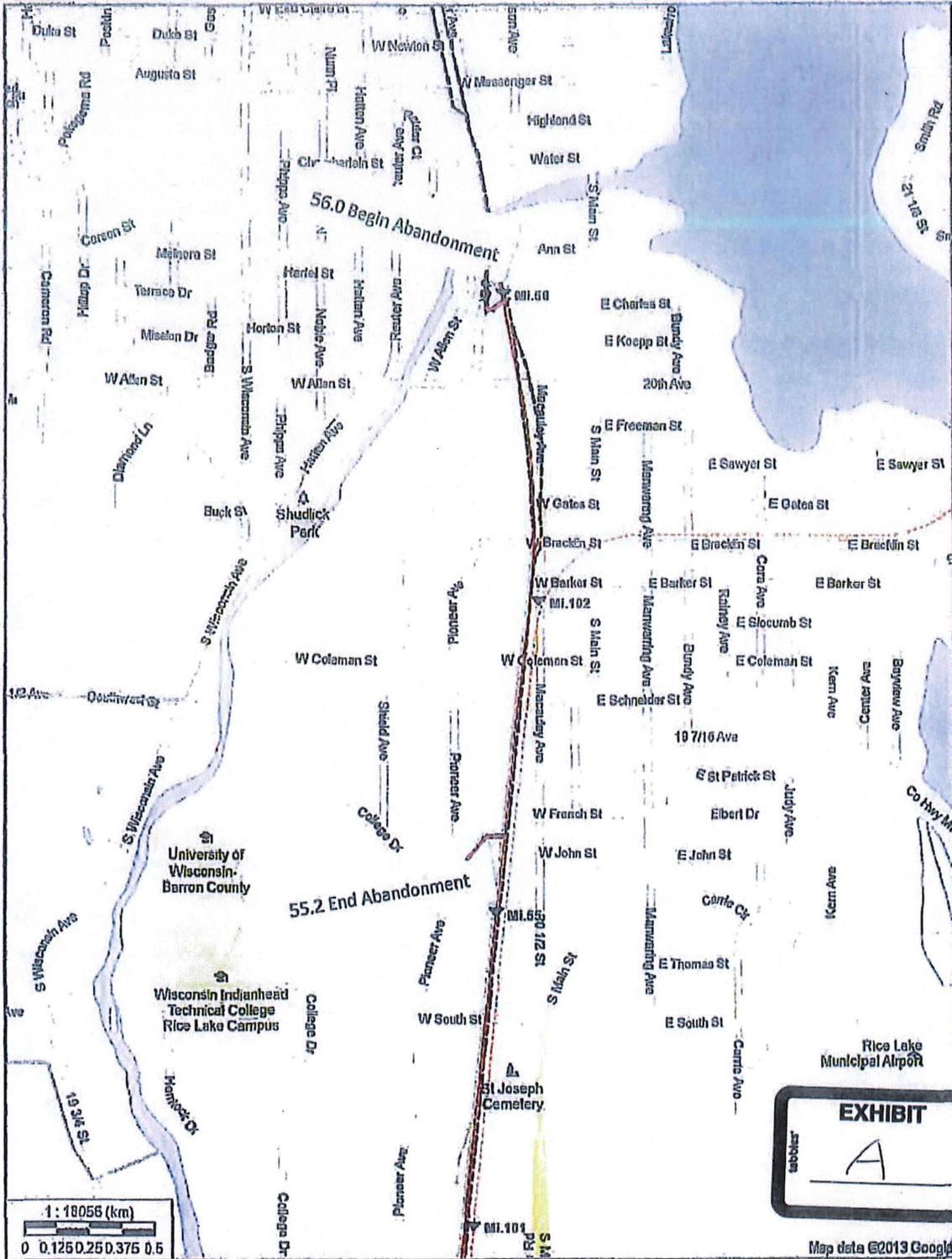
By: Audrey Brodrick
Audrey L. Brodrick
Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Respectfully,

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

By: Kathleen Chung
Kathleen Chung
Attorney for Wisconsin Department of
Transportation on behalf of WisDNR

Enclosures



Map data ©2013 Google

The map image is not up to scale