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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

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)*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Board's class exemption procedures for the discontinuance of rail service over lines with no local business for at least two years (49 C.F.R. § 1152.50), enclosed on behalf of Wisconsin Central Ltd., are an original and 11 copies of a verified discontinuance of service notice of exemption.

A check in the amount of \$3,800.00 is enclosed as the filing fee.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of this notice of exemption by date-stamping the enclosed eleventh copy and returning it to the courier to return to me.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Wimbish
Counsel for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Enclosures

cc: Thomas J. Healey

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- DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION -
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EXEMPTION NOTICE

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Attorney for Norfolk Southern
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Dated: November 13, 2014

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EXEMPTION NOTICE

Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") hereby submits a notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights), to discontinue service over an approximately 77.8-mile rail line in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan (the "Line"). In accordance with the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(b) and (d), WCL provides the following information in support of its exemption notice:

Certification: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b)

The Line satisfies the criteria for discontinuance under the exemption at 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F. See Verification of Brian Buchanan, Manager -Network Strategies, attached hereto and made part hereof as Exhibit A.

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

The subject discontinuance will be consummated on or after January 2, 2015 (50 days after the filing date of the notice of exemption).

Additional Information Required: 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.22(a)(1)-(4), (7)-(8) and (e)(4)

Exact name of applicant (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1)):

Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(2)):

WCL is a common carrier by railroad subject to the Board's jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV.

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

WCL is invoking the Board's two-year-out-of-service class exemption procedures to discontinue service over an approximately 77.8-mile line of railroad (the Line) located in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan, and extending from milepost 332.4 at Marengo Junction, Wisconsin, to milepost 254.6 at White Pine, Michigan.

Map (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)):

A detailed map showing the location of the Line is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Applicant's representative (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)):

WCL's representative to whom correspondence regarding this discontinuance should be sent is as follows:

Robert A. Wimbish
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Chicago, IL 60606-2832
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USPS ZIP codes (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(8)):

The Line lies within the following U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes territories: 49910, 49911, 49938, 49947, 49953, 49968, 54534, 54559, 54806, and 54855.

Rural and Community Impact (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(e)(4)):

The informational requirement of section 1152.22(e)(4) (alternative public uses of rail property) appears to be pertinent only where the railroad proposes to *abandon* rail property.¹ Here, WCL seeks to *discontinue service* over the Line, not abandon it, and for this reason WCL has no opinion on whether or not the subject rail property might be appropriate for use for other public purposes. Although of questionable relevance here (because the proposed action does not entail abandonment of a rail line), WCL nevertheless states as follows: WCL has not undertaken a review of its files to determine whether any parcels may be subject to reversion in the event of an abandonment, but WCL suspects that there could be parcels within the right of way that are subject to reversion upon consummation of abandonment authority.

Labor Protection

The interests of affected railroad employees, if any, will be protected by the conditions discussed in Oregon Short Line Railroad- Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between

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& Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

¹ See, 'Columbus and Greenville Railway Company -Discontinuance of Service Exemption -in Greenwood, MS, STB Docket No. AB-297 (Sub-No. 103X), slip op. at 2 n.2 (STB served July 3, 2007) ("CAGY-Greenwood") ("Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate"); Norfolk Southern Railway Company-Discontinuance Exemption-in Mahoning County, OH, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 292X), slip op. at 2 n.2 ("NS-Mahoning") (STB served March 15, 2007) (same); Chillicothe-Brunswick Rail Maintenance Authority-Discontinuance Exemption-in Livingston, Linn, and Chariton Counties, MO, STB Docket No. AB-1001X, slip op at 2 n.3 ("CBRA-Livingston") (STB served Feb 23, 2007) (same).

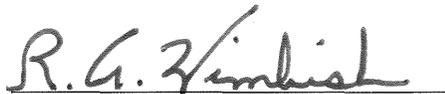
Certifications

Attached hereto as Exhibit C are the Certificates of Service and Publication pursuant to the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.12 and 1152.50(d)(1). For reasons set forth in the "Environmental and Historic Report" section below, the certification of service requirement at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 (transmittal of Environmental and Historic Reports) is inapplicable here.

Environmental and Historic Report

A notice of exemption to discontinue service over (rather than to abandon) a line of railroad that has been out of service for more than two years does not require the preparation or submission of an Environmental and/or Historic Report.²

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

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² See, 'Everett Railroad Company – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In Blair County, PA, STB Docket No. AB-271X slip op. at 2 n.2 (STB served Nov. 16, 2007) ("Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, . . . no environmental or historical documentation is required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 1105.8(b), respectively"); CAGY-Greenwood at 2 n.2 (same); NS-Mahoning at 2 n.2 (same); CBRA-Livingston at 2 n.3 (same).

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EXEMPTION NOTICE

EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
49 C.F.R. § 1152.SO(b) AND
VERIFICATION

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CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

Brian Buchanan, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") proposes to discontinue common carrier service over a line of railroad known as the White Pine Subdivision, extending between milepost 332.4 at Marengo Junction, Wisconsin, and milepost 254.6 at White Pine, Michigan, a distance of approximately 77.8 miles in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan (the "Subject Line");
2. No local traffic has moved over the Subject Line for at least two years, and there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted over other lines; and
3. No formal complaint filed by a user of rail service (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Subject 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 past two years.
4. I have read the foregoing discontinuance of service notice of exemption; know the facts asserted therein are true and accurate as stated to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief; and state that I am duly authorized to make such verification on behalf of WCL.

Date: 11/7/2014

@ ,

Brian Buchanan
Manager - Network Strategies
Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of November,

Rebecca S Bott
2014 Notary Public



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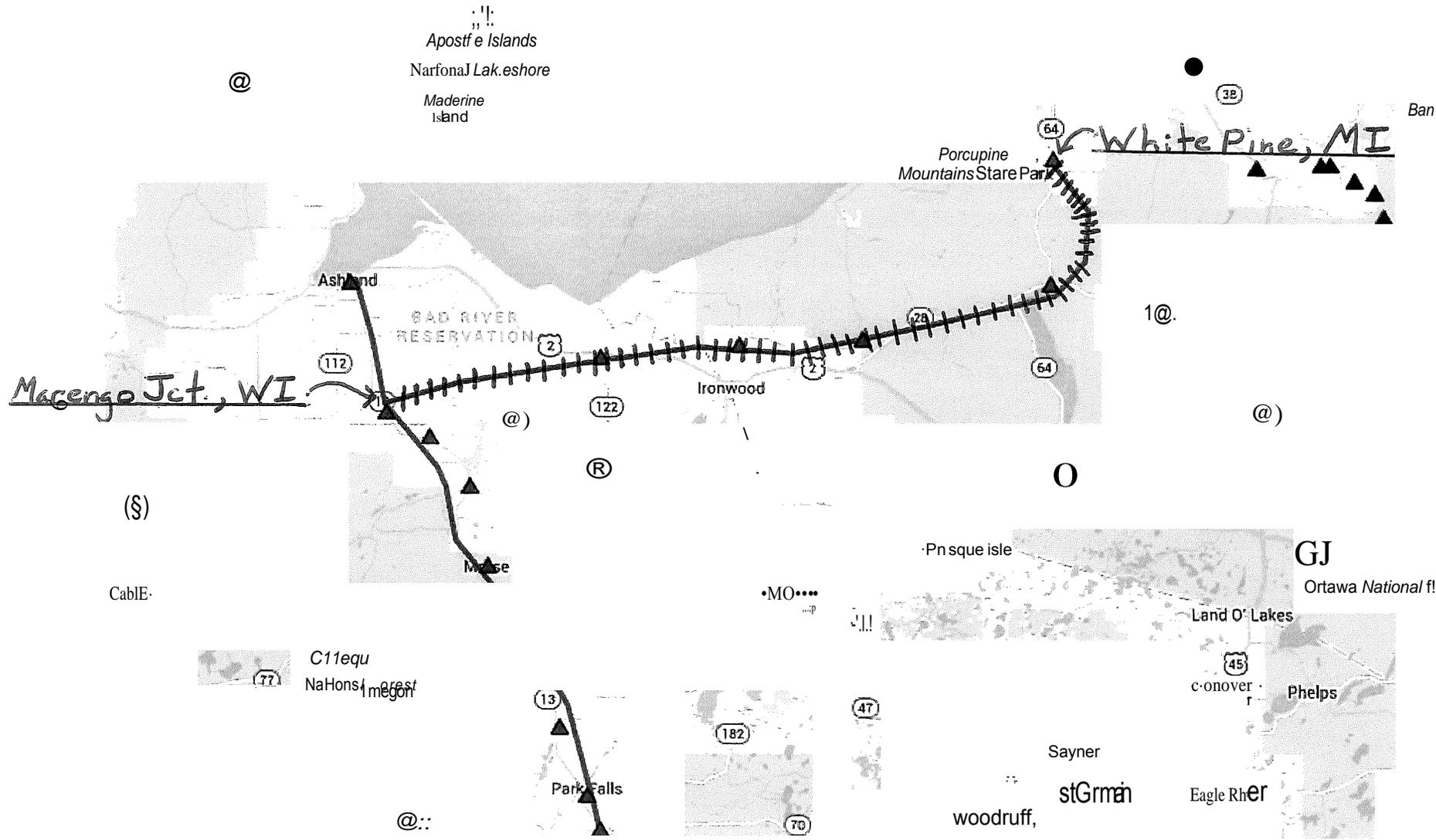
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EXHIBIT B

MAP



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EXHIBIT C

CERTIFICATIONS OF
SERVICE/PUBLICATION

Certificate of Service

49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) - Notice

I hereby certify that Wisconsin Central Ltd. supplied written notice of its intent to use the Surface Transportation Board's notice of exemption procedures to discontinue service over approximately 77.8 miles of rail line in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan. Written notice (a representative copy of which is attached), was served by or before November 3, 2014, upon the following:

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

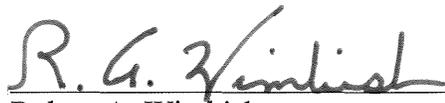
David Dorfman
SDDC TEA-Railroads for National Defense
709 Ward Dr., Bldg. 1990
Scott AFB, IL 62225

Charlie Stockman
National Park Service
Rivers & Trails Conservation Program
1201 Eye Street, NW, 9th Floor
(Org. Code 2220)
Washington, D.C. 20005

Thomas L. Tidwell, Chief
Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Sidney R. Yates Federal Building
201 14th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Michigan Public Service Commission
4300 W. Saginaw Highway
P.O. Box 30221
Lansing, MI 48909

November 12, 2014



Robert A. Wimbish
Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

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October 21, 2014

Charlie Stockman
National Park Service
Rivers & Trails Conservation Program
1201 Eye Street, NW, 9th Floor
(Org. Code 2220)
Washington, DC 20005

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)

Dear Mr. Stockman:

On or about November 4, 2014, Wisconsin Central, Ltd. ("WCL") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a notice of exemption ("Notice") pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F – *Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights*, to discontinue common carrier service on an approximately 77.8-mile line of railroad (hereinafter, the "Line") known as the White Pine Subdivision, extending from milepost 332.4 at Marengo Junction, Wisconsin, to the end of the line at milepost 254.6 at White Pine, Michigan, in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan. The Line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code territories 49910, 49911, 49938, 49947, 49953, 49968, 54534, 54559, 54806, and 54855. The proceeding will be docketed as STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 45X). A map depicting the Line is enclosed herewith.

°This proceeding involves the discontinuance of common carrier service over the subject rail line and not the abandonment of that line, so WCL understands that the question of whether the Line contains federally-granted rights-of-way is inapplicable. The Line is not suited at this time for alternative public use. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

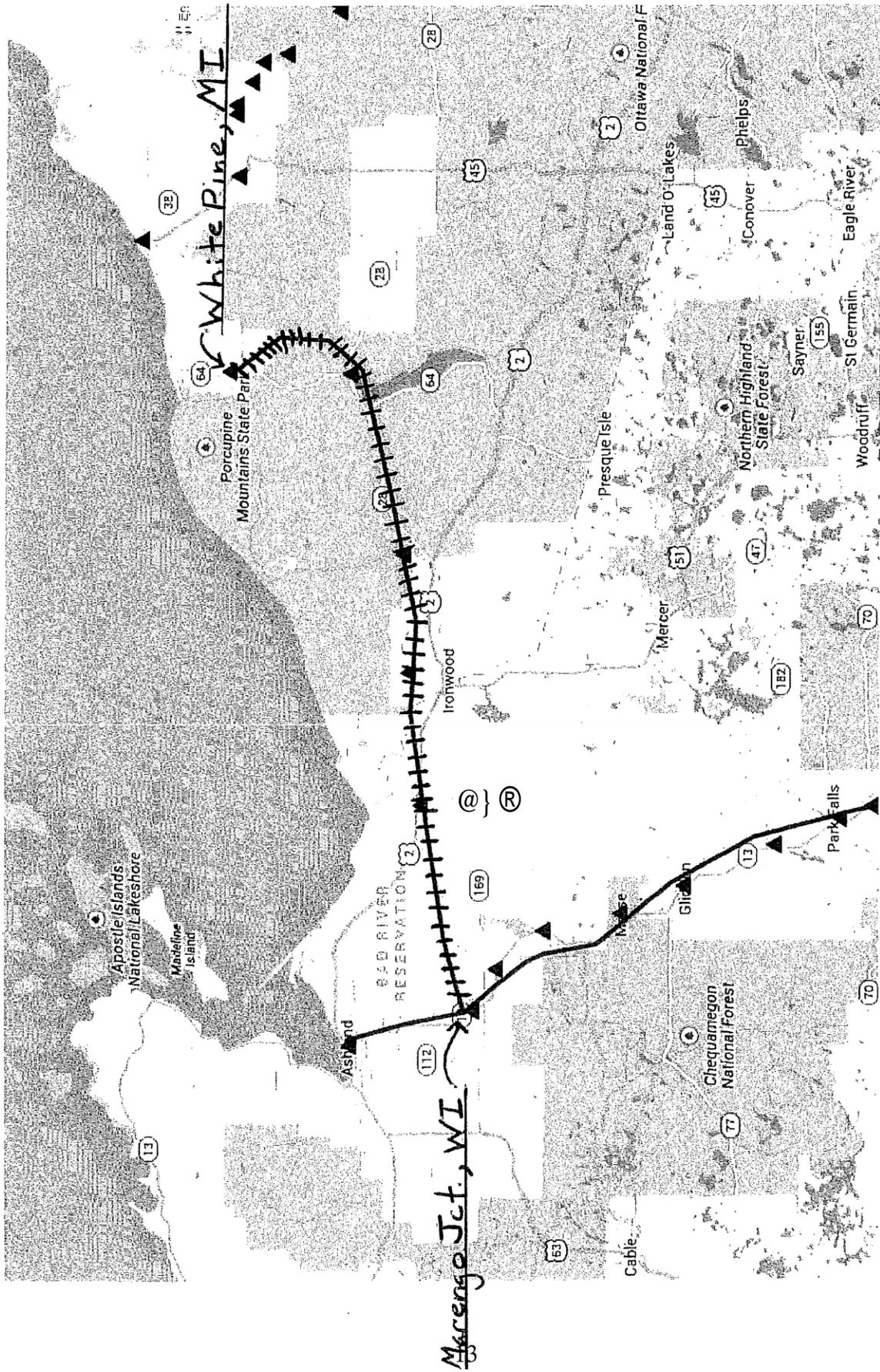
If you have any questions about the Notice that WCL plans soon to file, please review the applicable regulations or contact me or the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW Washington, DC 20423-0001; TEL: (202) 245-0230.

Sincerely,

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Robert A. Wimbish
Counsel for Wisconsin Central, Ltd.

Enclosure

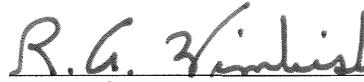


Certificate of Publication

49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 - Newspaper Notice

I certify that a "Notice of Intent to Discontinue Rail Service" was published in the form prescribed by the Surface Transportation Board for a notice of exemption strictly to discontinue rail service. The notice was published one time each in the *Ashland Daily Press* (October 25, 2014), a newspaper of general circulation in Ashland County, Wisconsin, and *The Daily Globe* (October 23, 2014), a newspaper of general circulation in Iron County, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan, where the subject rail line is located.

November 12, 2014



Robert A. Wimbish
Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISCONTINUE RAIL SERVICE
STB DOCKET NO. AB-303
(Sub-No. 45X)

Wisconsin Central, Ltd. ("WCL") gives notice that on or about November 4, 2014, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. Part 1152 Subpart F- Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights permitting WCL to discontinue common carrier service on an approximately 77.8-mile line of railroad (hereinafter,

the "Line") known as the White Pine Subdivision, extending from milepost 332.4 at Marengo Junction, Wisconsin, to the end of the line at milepost 254.6 at White Pine, Michigan, in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan. The Line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code territories 49910, 49911, 49938, 49947, 49953, 49968, 54534, 54559, 54806, and 54855. The proceeding will be docketed as STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 45X). The proposed action entails the discontinuance of rail common carrier service over the Line, but not abandonment. Accordingly, no environmental and/or historic report will be prepared as part of this proceeding. Appropriate offers of financial assistance to subsidize WCL rail service can be filed with the

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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF MI } SS
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Marissa Casari, being duly sworn, says:

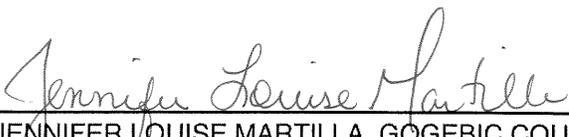
That he is a legal representative of the The Daily Globe, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Ironwood, Gogebic County, MI; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

October 23, 2014

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED: 

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 23rd day of October 2014.


JENNIFER LOUISE MARTILLA, GOGEBIC COUNTY, MI

00006678 00010115 (312)252-2400

Emily Finnegan
Fletcher & Sippel, LLC
29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920
Chicago, IL 60606-2832

October 23, 2014
NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISCONTINUE RAIL SERVICE
STB DOCKET NO. AB-303 (Sub-No. 45X)
Wisconsin Central, Ltd. ("WCL") gives notice that on or about November 4, 2014, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. Part 1152 Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights permitting WCL to discontinue common carrier service on an approximately 77.8-mile line of railroad (hereinafter, the "Line") known as the White Pine Subdivision, extending from milepost 332.4 at Marengo Junction, Wisconsin, to the end of the line at milepost 254.6 at White Pine, Michigan, in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan. The Line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code territories 49910, 49911, 49938, 49947, 49953, 49968, 54534, 54559, 54806, and 54855. The proceeding will be docketed as STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 45X). The proposed action entails the discontinuance of rail common carrier service over the Line, but not abandonment. Accordingly, no environmental and/or historic report will be prepared as part of this proceeding.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to subsidize WCL rail service can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading pertaining to offers of financial assistance or responding generally to the proposed discontinuance of service must be filed directly with the Board's Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 C.F.R. §§ 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on WCL's representative [See 49 C.F.R. § 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0230. Copies of any comments or requests for specific Board action should be served on WCL's representative: Robert A. Wimbish, FLETCHER & SIPPEL LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, #920, Chicago, IL 60606 (phone: 312-252-1504; fax 312-252-2400).

JENNIFER LOUISE MARTILLA
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Gogebic
My commission expires Sept 19, 2020
Acting in the County of Ill

BEFORE THE
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EXEMPTION NOTICE

DRAFT FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 45X)]

Wisconsin Central Ltd. -Discontinuance of Service Exemption -in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) filed on November 13, 2014, a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F-Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights to discontinue service over approximately 77.8 miles of rail line in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin, and Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan. The subject rail line extends from milepost 332.4 at Marengo Junction, Wisconsin, to milepost 254.6 at White Pine, Michigan. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 49910, 49911, 49938, 49947, 49953, 49968, 54534, 54559, 54806, and 54855.

WCL has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line that has been, or would need to be, rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the applicable requirements at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance shall be protected under Oregon Short Line Railroad – Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To

address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on December __, 2014, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA for continued rail service under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.27(c)(2) must be filed by _____, 2014.¹ Petitions to reopen must be filed by _____, 2014, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to WCL's representative: Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STE.DOT.GOV."

Decided: _____

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

¹ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 C.F.R. § 1002.2(±)(25). Because this proceeding involves the proposed discontinuance of rail service and not abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise, no environmental or historical documentation is required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 1105.8(b), respectively.