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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: AB-303 (Sub-No. 25X); Case No. 01-1100 in the U.S. Court of Appeals
for the DC Circuit

Dear Mr. Williams:

In AB-303 (Sub-No. 25X), the current NITU (which covers the entire abandonment but is stayed on the Menominee Reservation) expires February 28, 2002. The notice of consummation for the abandonment is due February 28, 2002. These dates were set by a previous Board order served December 28, 2001. The NITU imposition on the reservation has resulted in the above-referenced litigation before the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Wisconsin Central Ltd. is on the verge of settling this dispute with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and Menominee Tribal Enterprises, which settlement will dispose of Case No. 01-1100 and allow us to consummate the abandonment on the Menominee Reservation and continue with the NITU for the balance of the line. At the present time, we are waiting for approval of the settlement from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Through no fault of any of the parties, we continue to experience an unanticipated delay in the BIA's approval of the settlement. Therefore Wisconsin Central Ltd. is requesting that the Board extend all current deadlines in AB-303 (Sub-No. 25X), such as NITU's, consummation notices, etc., until May 31, 2002, to give the BIA a chance to approve the settlement.

An original and ten copies of this letter are enclosed. I certify that I have faxed this letter as of its date to all parties currently involved in the NITU proceedings.

Sincerely,


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