

BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-303 (Sub-No. 27)

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.

-ABANDONMENT-
IN OZAUKEE, SHEBOYGAN AND MANITOWOC COUNTIES, WISCONSIN

MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR MAKING

OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANANCE

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ABANDONMENT OF A LINE OF RAILROAD
KNOWN AS THE PLYMOUTH LINE
BETWEEN SAUKVILLE AND KIEL, WISCONSIN

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On October 18, 2004 the Board decided to grant this abandonment, and set October 28, 2004 as the deadline for making an offer of Financial Assistance. Decatur Junction Railway Co. (“DJR”) previously filed a Notice of Intent to file an Offer of Financial Assistance (“OFA”) under 49 CFR 1152.27, and entered into negotiations with Wisconsin Central Ltd. (“WCL”) to purchase the line between Saukville, Ozaukee County, and Kiel, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, extending from MP 114.8, near Saukville to MP 151.8, near Kiel, a distance of approximately 37 miles. Those negotiations are continuing. DJR now respectfully requests that the Board grant a 30-day extension of the time for making an Offer of Financial Assistance.

DJR has reviewed written documentation provided by WCL, but has not had an opportunity to “hi-rail” the line, and would like to do so prior to finalizing its offer and/or concluding negotiations. In addition, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (“WDOT”) filed an Offer of Financial Assistance yesterday (October 27, 2004), which DJR has not yet received a copy of.

In light of the fact that an OFA has already been filed, WCL will not be prejudiced by the Board granting a thirty-day extension of the deadline for filing an OFA, but will, in fact, benefit

from having an opportunity to negotiate with both DJR and WDOT. Nor will the shippers be prejudiced, since two possible buyers will make it more likely that an agreement will be concluded to continue the desired service.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel A. LaKemper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'L'.

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