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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**Re: Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 26X)
Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Abandonment Exemption—Motion
For Extension of Notice of Interim Trail Use**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Wisconsin Central Ltd. agrees with the request for extension of an NITU by the City of Ashland as set forth in their December 12, 2008 filing to the STB. As the filing states, the Western portion of the NITU up to Ellis Avenue (approximately one-half of the NITU segment) was already deeded under applicable NITU law and regulation to the City of Ashland. So the NITU would only need to cover the remaining portion running easterly from Ellis Avenue to MP 435.35.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Barron, Jr.
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cc: Ms. Kathleen Chung, WisDOT (via facsimile-(608) 267-6734)