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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re **Docket No. AB-303 (Sub. No. 18X), Wisconsin Central Ltd.—
Abandonment Exemption—In Polk County, WI—Response to Petition
for Extension of Notice of Interim Trail Use**

Dear Secretary Quinlan.

I am in receipt of the petition dated January 13, 2009, by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Polk County, WI seeking an extension of 180 days on the period to negotiate an interim trail/rail banking agreement. Please be advised that Wisconsin Central Ltd does not object to this request

Very Truly Yours,



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Attorney

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cc Ms Kathleen Chung, WisDOT, via fax (608-267-6734)