

**BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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**FINANCE DOCKET No. 35063**

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**MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY, LLC—  
ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION—  
LINES OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY**

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**REPLY OF  
THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY TO  
PETITION TO REVOKE CLASS EXEMPTION**

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The Dow Chemical Company (“Dow”) submits this Reply in support of the Petition to Revoke Class Exemption filed by Michigan Central Railway, LLC (“MC”) on July 13, 2007. As MC correctly notes, several interested parties have expressed concern over the potential consequences of the proposed transaction, which would warrant a more intensive level of regulatory scrutiny that occurs through the class exemption process. At present, Dow shares those concerns. Dow is prepared to participate in this proceeding pursuant to the procedural schedule proposed by MC, provided that appropriate adjustments are made based upon the timing of a Board decision issuing the procedural schedule. Dow requests that it be made a party of record in this proceeding and in related Finance Docket Nos. 35064 and 35065.

Respectfully submitted,



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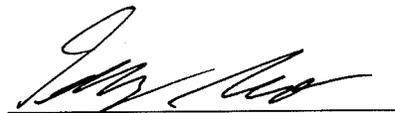
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