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**VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER**

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan,  
Acting Secretary  
395 E. Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20424

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Re: Finance Docket No. 35045 – Amendment to Trackage Rights Agreement between Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company and Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company

Finance Docket No. 35046 - Amendment to Trackage Rights Agreement between Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company and Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company

Finance Docket No. 35047 - Trackage Rights Agreement between Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company and Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Finance Docket No. 34048 - Trackage Rights Agreement between Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company and Wisconsin Central Ltd.

Finance Docket No. 35049 - Trackage Rights Agreement between Wisconsin Central Ltd. and Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company

Finance Docket No. 35050 - Trackage Rights Agreement between Wisconsin Central Ltd. and Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company

Dear Secretary Quinlan,

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of a Motion to Continue Proceeding in Abeyance. A disk containing the caption summary is enclosed.

Acting Secretary Anne Quinlan  
April 11, 2008  
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I have included an extra copy of this transmittal letter and request that you date stamp this to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the envelope provided.

Please feel free to contact me should any questions arise regarding this filing. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Healey". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Thomas J. Healey

Enc.

cc: Dan Elliott

BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
WASHINGTON, DC 20423



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STB Finance Docket No. 35045

TRACKAGE RIGHTS AGREEMENT  
Between  
DULUTH, MISSABE AND IRON RANGE RAILWAY COMPANY  
And  
DULUTH, WINNIPEG AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

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STB Finance Docket No. 35046

TRACKAGE RIGHTS AGREEMENT  
Between  
DULUTH, WINNIPEG AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
And  
DULUTH, MISSABE AND IRON RANGE RAILWAY COMPANY

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STB Finance Docket No. 35047

TRACKAGE RIGHTS AGREEMENT  
Between  
DULUTH, MISSABE AND IRON RANGE RAILWAY COMPANY  
And  
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD

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STB Finance Docket No. 35048

TRACKAGE RIGHTS AGREEMENT  
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And  
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD

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STB Finance Docket No. 35049

TRACKAGE RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Between

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.

And

DULUTH, MISSABE AND IRON RANGE RAILWAY COMPANY

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SIB Finance Docket No. 35050

TRACKAGE RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Between

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.

And

DULUTH, WINNIPEG AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

**MOTION TO CONTINUE PROCEEDING IN ABEYANCE**

Respectfully submitted,

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And

DULUTH, WINNIPEG AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

**MOTION TO CONTINUE PROCEEDING IN ABEYANCE**

COMES NOW Wisconsin Central Ltd., Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company, and Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company (collectively "CN"), and request that the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") continue in abeyance for a period of sixty (60) days any further proceedings on the Petitions to Revoke Exemptions (collectively "Petitions"), filed by United Transportation Union ("UTU") in the six referenced dockets. CN and UTU continue to work toward reaching an agreement as to the issues raised in UTU's Petitions, but have not yet reached agreement. UTU's counsel has granted the undersigned counsel authority to indicate UTU's concurrence with same.

In furtherance of this Motion, CN states as follows

1. On June 14, 2007, CN filed Notices of Exemption governing six separate trackage rights agreements among several rail carriers owned and controlled by Canadian National Railway Company. Concurrently, CN filed a Motion for Protective Order in

each docket. The Motions for Protective Order were granted by order dated June 28, 2007, and each of the exemptions became effective on July 14, 2007.

2 On July 23, 2007, C-IU filed the Petitions, seeking to have the six exemptions revoked on the allegation that the sole purpose of the exemptions was to circumvent existing collective bargaining agreements

3. On August 15, 2007, the STB entered an order granting the joint motion of CN and UTU to hold the consideration of UTU's Petitions in abeyance for a period of sixty (60) days, to allow the parties to attempt to negotiate an amicable resolution.

4 Subsequent to the entry of the August 15, 2007 order, CN and UTU engaged in discussions regarding the implementation of the authority granted in the exemptions. However, no agreement was reached, and therefore the STB entered an order on October 11, 2007, granting a joint motion to continue the date for CN's responses to December 14, 2007.

5. The parties further requested an additional sixty (60) days to reach an agreement. The STB granted this extension of time. That sixty (60) day period ended on February 12, 2008.

6 The parties then requested an additional sixty (60) days to reach an agreement. By STB Decision dated February 14, 2008, the extension was granted and that sixty (60) day period will end on April 14, 2008.

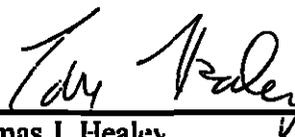
7 The parties have still not reached any agreement on the matters raised by UTU in these dockets. However, the parties have agreed to continue to work toward an agreement over the next sixty (60) days. Therefore, by mutual agreement, the parties

move the STB to enter an order extending the response date for CN to UTU's Petitions for an additional sixty (60) days, to June 13, 2008.

8. Counsel for UTU has granted the undersigned counsel authority to indicate UTU's concurrence with same.

WHEREFORE, Wisconsin Central Ltd., Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company, and Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company respectfully request that the STB hold consideration of UTU's Petitions in abeyance for an additional period of sixty (60) days while the parties meet to reach an agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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April 11, 2008

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Thomas J. Healey, hereby certify that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008, copies of the foregoing Motion To Hold Proceeding In Abeyance have been served by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by more expeditious means of delivery upon all parties of record to this proceeding identified on the Surface Transportation Board's website.



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