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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

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

Dear Chief Brown:

Wisconsin Central Ltd. agrees with the request for extension of an NITU by the City of Ashland as set forth in their December 4, 2009 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,



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Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

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