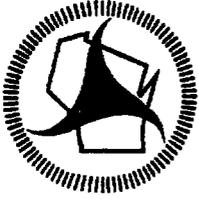


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Ms. Cynthia Brown
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RE: **STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 31X) Wisconsin Central, Ltd. Exemption--In Sawyer County, WI -- Motion to Extend Time to Reach Agreement on a Notice of Interim Trail Use**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached please find the Motion to Extend Negotiating Period for NITU in above-entitled case submitted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation on behalf of the County of Sawyer Wisconsin. All parties of record have been electronically served with a copy of the Motion.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Chung

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Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
AB-303 (SUB-NO. 31X)
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD. --
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR ABANDONMENT--
IN HAYWARD, SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**COUNTY OF SAWYER, WISCONSIN
MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO
NEGOTIATE A NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE**

BACKGROUND

On a service date of December 19, 2007, the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) served notice that Wisconsin Central, LTD (WCL) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502 and the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. That Notice of Exemption is for WCL's abandonment of a 1.80 - mile portion of its line of railroad between milepost 100.80 to milepost 102.60 in the City of Hayward, County of Sawyer, Wisconsin. This portion of the line traverses United State Postal Service Zip Code 54843.

On November 29, 2007, the County of Sawyer (CSW) signed a Statement of Willingness to Accept Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29. This statement is for the segment of WCL railroad from milepost 100.80 to milepost 102.60, a total of approximately 1.80 miles.

The Board issued a NITU under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, which was served on December 19, 2007, allowing CSW until June 16, 2008, to negotiate a rail banking agreement with WCL.

On June 16, 2008, the Board issued a NITU under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, allowing CSW and WCL until December 13, 2008, to negotiate a rail banking agreement with WCL. On December 19, 2008, the Board issued an NITU under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 allowing CSW and WCL until June 11, 2009 to negotiate a rail banking agreement.

The Forestry Committee of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution requesting an additional extension of the negotiating period on Monday, June 8, 2009. Negotiations are currently continuing in good faith between CSW and WCL. However, more time is needed to finalize negotiations. WCL is agreeable to an extension of time to continue negotiations under an NITU condition for the rail corridor between milepost 100.80 and 102.60.

On December 8, 2009, the Forestry Committee of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors voted to request an extension because, although negotiations continue in good faith, Sawyer County and WCL need more time to conclude the transaction. CSW filed a motion to extend the negotiating period for an additional 180 days, which the Board granted by decision dated December 31, 2009. The current negotiating period expires on June 6, 2010. Therefore, CSW now submits another request to extend the NITU negotiating period for 180 days. WCL has indicated it will support this request for an extension.

Sawyer County has been, and continues to seek funding to purchase this right of way and continuation of the existing trail extending west from Hayward, WI.

MOTION

Therefore, CSW moves that the period prescribed to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement be extended for 180 days for the rail corridor between milepost 100.80 to 102.60, a total of approximately 1.80 miles in the City of Hayward, in Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing Request for Extension of the negotiating period in regards to AB303 31X, by electronic mail or regular mail, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1104.12, by electronic mail, this 9th day of June 2008, on all parties of record on the service list.



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