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Mr. Troy Brady
Section of Environmental Analysis
Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis,
and Administration
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Proposed Abandonment Exemption – Wisconsin Central Ltd. – AB-303 (Sub-No. 28X)
Ashland County, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Brady:

On June 1, 2006, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received your notification that the above-referenced undertaking will adversely affect historic properties. Based upon the information you provided, we have concluded that Appendix A, *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, of our regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), does not apply to this undertaking. Accordingly, we do not believe that our participation in the consultation to resolve adverse effects is warranted. However, should circumstances change and you determine that our participation is required, please notify us.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(b)(1)(iv), you will need to file the final Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), developed in consultation with the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and related documentation at the conclusion of the consultation process. The filing of this MOA with the ACHP is required to complete STB's compliance responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Thank you for providing us with your notification of adverse effect. If you have any questions or require the further assistance of the Council, please contact Katry Harris by phone at (202) 606-8520 or by e-mail at kharris@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

Katry Harris
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