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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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Illinois Commerce Commission  
RAIL SAFETY SECTION

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.,

Petitioner,

vs.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and LAKE  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS,

Respondents.

T02-0010

Petition of Wisconsin Central Ltd. seeking an order of the Illinois Commerce Commission directing that an additional track and grade crossing be constructed at Grass Lake Road (DOT 689-739R) on the Wisconsin Central Ltd. in Lake Villa Township, Lake County, IL.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION**

Now comes Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WC") and petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Commission") for an order giving WC an extension to comply with the mandates of the Commission in this docket. In support of its Petition, WC states as follows:

1. WC is a rail carrier operating in Illinois and is a rail carrier within the meaning of the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law.
2. The Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") is an agency of the State of Illinois and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
3. Lake County is a political subdivision within the State of Illinois and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
4. Grass Lake Road is a county road under the jurisdiction of the Lake County Division of Transportation.

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5. WC operates a line of railroad through the Lake County; this line crosses at-grade with Grass Lake Road.

6. Pursuant to an order in this Docket dated May 8, 2002, the Commission required that WC construct an additional track and grade crossing across Grass Lake Road in Lake Villa Township, Lake County, Illinois.

7. WC had until February 8, 2004, to complete the work described in Paragraph 6.

8. WC has installed the additional track through the crossing and the crossing is open to vehicular traffic. WC has also relocated the signal devices pursuant to the order.

9. The current proposed plans for the warning device configuration and circuitry contemplates that the new track will be connected to the WC's signal system governing the movement of trains. In order to minimize disruption to ongoing train traffic and to take advantage of economies of scale by doing work at multiple crossings at the same time, WC wishes to complete this connection later on in the summer and combine the work with other authorized crossing modifications as part of the Metra Expansion Project.

10. WC, however, would like to connect the warning devices to the new track immediately, which would allow WC to service a key customer, Vulcan, while keeping the current main line open for through trains. Therefore, WC would like to temporarily alter the proposed circuitry and configuration for the warning devices of the new track. WC shall submit the plans for the proposed temporary signal circuitry and configuration in very short order.

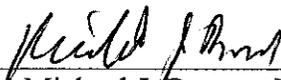
11. WC is requesting an extension of time until September 30, 2004, to complete the work mandated by the Commission in ICC Docket T02-0010, and to allow WC to connect the warning devices to the additional track with a temporary modification to the circuitry that was earlier proposed.

WHEREFORE, Wisconsin Central Ltd. respectfully requests that the Commission:

- a) Give Wisconsin Central Ltd. until September 30, 2004, to complete work mandated in the order dated May 8, 2002 in this Docket; and
- b) Allow Wisconsin Central Ltd. to use the new track with the warning devices connected with a temporary modification to the circuitry that was earlier proposed and then complete the permanent proposed circuitry and configuration later in the summer; and
- c) Provide such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and appropriate.

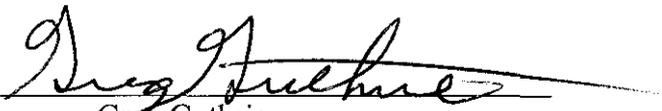
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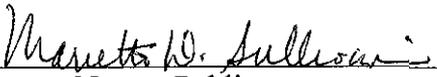
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VERIFICATION

Greg Guthrie, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Senior Manager-Technical Services for Wisconsin Central Ltd., that he has read the foregoing Petition of Wisconsin Central Ltd., and that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

  
Greg Guthrie

Subscribed and sworn to  
Before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 2004.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: August 28, 2005



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**NOTICE OF FILING**

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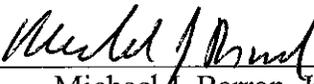
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that we have on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004, mailed for filing with the Illinois Commerce Commission, Wisconsin Central Ltd.'s Petition for Extension in the above captioned matter, a copy of which is hereby served upon you.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, MICHAEL J. BARRON, JR., an attorney, certify that I served the foregoing Amended Petition for Extension upon the respondents made party to this proceeding by enclosing copies of the foregoing in envelopes addressed to those parties as set forth below, postage prepaid, and depositing the envelopes in the United States Mail at 17641 S. Ashland Avenue, Homewood, IL on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

  
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