

acquire trackage rights over the subject line.

AP certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and states that such revenues will not exceed \$5 million annually. The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after July 2, 2004.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34451, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th St., NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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Decided: July 12, 2004.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 27)]

#### **Wisconsin Central Ltd.— Abandonment—in Ozaukee, Sheboygan and Manitowoc Counties, WI**

On June 30, 2004, Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) filed with the Board an application for permission to abandon a line of railroad, known as the Plymouth Line, extending from milepost 114.8 near Saukville to milepost 151.8 near Kiel, a distance of approximately 37 miles in Ozaukee, Sheboygan and Manitowoc Counties, WI. The line includes stations at Fredonia, Random Lake, Adell, Waldo, Plymouth, and Elkhart Lake, and traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 53001, 53014, 53020, 53021, 53042, 53061, 53073, 53075, 53080, and 53093.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in WCL's possession will be made available promptly to

those requesting it. The applicant's entire case for abandonment (case-in-chief) was filed with the application.

This line of railroad has appeared on WCL's system diagram map in category 1 since October 15, 2001.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R.Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Any interested person may file with the Board written comments concerning the proposed abandonment or protests (including the protestant's entire opposition case) by August 16, 2004. All interested persons should be aware that following any abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905 (49 CFR 1152.28) and any request for a trail use condition under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (49 CFR 1152.29) must also be filed by August 16, 2004. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27). Applicant's reply to any opposition statements and its response to trail use requests must be filed by August 30, 2004. See 49 CFR 1152.26(a). A final decision will be issued by October 18, 2004.

Persons opposing the abandonment who wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest. Persons who oppose the abandonment but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by submitting verified statements of witnesses containing detailed evidence should file comments. Persons seeking information concerning the filing of protests should refer to 49 CFR 1152.25. Persons interested only in seeking public use or trail use conditions should also file comments.

In addition, a commenting party or protestant may provide: (i) An offer of financial assistance (OFA) for continued rail service under 49 U.S.C. 10904 (due 120 days after the application is filed or 10 days after the application is granted by the Board, whichever occurs sooner); (ii) recommended provisions for protection of the interests of employees; (iii) a request for a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905; and (iv) a statement pertaining to prospective use of the right-of-way for interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29.

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 27) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker

Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832. The original and 10 copies of all comments or protests shall be filed with the Board with a certificate of service. Except as otherwise set forth in part 1152, every document filed with the Board must be served on all parties to the abandonment proceeding. 49 CFR 1104.12(a).

The line sought to be abandoned will be available for subsidy or sale for continued rail use, if the Board decides to permit the abandonment, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 CFR 1152.27). Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,100 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25). No subsidy arrangement approved under 49 U.S.C. 10904 shall remain in effect for more than 1 year unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties (49 U.S.C. 10904(f)(4)(B)). Applicant will promptly provide upon request to each interested party an estimate of the subsidy and minimum purchase price required to keep the line in operation. The carrier's representative to whom inquiries may be made concerning sale or subsidy terms is set forth above.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1539. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.)

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 33 days of the filing of the application. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service. The comments received will be addressed in the Board's decision. A supplemental EA or EIS may be issued where appropriate.

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Decided: July 14, 2004.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Open Meeting of the Small Business/ Self Employed—Payroll Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS)  
Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Small  
Business/Self Employed—Payroll  
Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy

Panel will be conducted (via  
teleconference). The TAP will be  
discussing issues pertaining to  
increasing compliance and lessening the  
burden for Small Business/Self  
Employed individuals.

Recommendations for IRS systemic  
changes will be developed.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held  
Thursday, August 12, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Mary O'Brien at 1-888-912-1227, or  
206-220-6096.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is  
hereby given pursuant to Section  
10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory  
Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988)  
that an open meeting of the Small  
Business/Self Employed—Payroll  
Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy  
Panel will be held Thursday, August 12,  
2004 from 3 p.m. EDT to 4:30 p.m. EDT

via a telephone conference call. If you  
would like to have the TAP consider a  
written statement, please call 1-888-  
912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write to  
Mary O'Brien, TAP Office, 915 2nd  
Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174  
or you can contact us at  
[www.improveirs.org](http://www.improveirs.org). Due to limited  
conference lines, notification of intent  
to participate in the telephone  
conference call meeting must be made  
with Mary O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien can be  
reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-  
220-6096.

The agenda will include the  
following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: July 13, 2004.

**Bernard Coston,**

*Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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