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Re: Docket No. FRA-1999-6439, Notice No. 1 - 53

Dear Secretary Slater:

On January 26, 2000, the Commissioner of Railroads for the State of Wisconsin submitted a letter to you in the above-referenced proceeding requesting that a public hearing on the proposed rule be held at a Wisconsin location. Wisconsin Central supports the Commissioner's request and agrees that a hearing should be held in either Madison, a Fox Valley city (Appleton, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh), or a central location, such as Wausau.

Very truly yours,

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Vice President and General Counsel

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