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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33558]

Camas Prairie Railnet, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Camas Prairie Railroad Company, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Camas Prairie Railnet, Inc. (CSPR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate a series of interconnected lines of railroad currently owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), and operated by the Camas Prairie Railroad Company (CSP)<sup>1</sup> as follows: (1) a line of railroad, known as the 1st Subdivision, extending from milepost 137.0, at Lewiston, ID, to milepost 61.0 (end of track), at or near Kooskia, ID; (2) a line of railroad, known as the 2nd Subdivision, extending from milepost 0.0, at Spalding, ID, to milepost 66.5 (end of track), at or near Grangeville, ID; (3) a line of railroad, known as the 3rd Subdivision, extending from milepost 0.0, at Riparia, WA, to milepost 71.5, at East Lewiston, ID; and (4) a line of railroad, known as the 4th Subdivision, extending from milepost 0.0, at Orofino, ID, to milepost 31.0 (end of track), at or near Revling, ID.<sup>2</sup> In addition, CSPR will also obtain incidental overhead trackage rights over

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<sup>1</sup> CSPR will replace CSP as the common carrier operator of the lines being acquired.

<sup>2</sup> BNSF currently owns the lines known as the 1st Subdivision, the 2nd Subdivision, (continued...)

UP trackage between milepost 10.46, at Riparia, and approximately milepost 267.1, at Ayer, WA, for the purpose of interchanging traffic with both UP and BNSF. The trackage to be acquired and operated by CSPR is approximately 245 route miles in length, and the related trackage rights are approximately 15.1 miles in length.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after April 17, 1998.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33578, North American Railnet, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Camas Prairie Railnet, Inc., wherein North American Railnet, Inc. has concurrently filed a verified notice to continue in control of CSPR upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

Because the projected revenues of the rail lines to be operated will exceed \$5 million, CSPR certified to the Board, on February 13, 1998, that the required notice of its rail line acquisition was posted at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines on February 12, 1998. See 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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. 33558, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of

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<sup>2</sup>(...continued)  
and the 4th Subdivision. UP currently owns the line known as the 3rd Subdivision.

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each pleading must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, 1707  
L Street, N.W., Suite 570, Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: April 23, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary