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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33654

BELT LINE DIVISION OF TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES—OPERATION EXEMPTION—
IN PIERCE, THURSTON AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WA

Decided: October 28, 1998

On August 27, 1998, the Belt Line Division of Tacoma Public Utilities (Belt Line) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate approximately 131.5 miles of the City of Tacoma, WA, rail line in Pierce, Thurston, and Lewis Counties, WA: (1) between milepost 2192.0, at Tacoma, and milepost 17.7, at Chehalis; and (2) between milepost 2192.0, at Tacoma, and milepost 64.2, at Morton. The lines have been operated previously by Tacoma Eastern Railway Company.

By letter filed October 23, 1998, the Belt Line, acting by its counsel, requests that the notice of exemption be withdrawn. The request will be granted and the proceeding will be dismissed.

It is ordered:

1. The request to withdraw the notice of exemption is granted and the proceeding in STB Finance Docket No. 33654 is dismissed.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary