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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33637]

Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company, Inc.--Acquisition and Operation

Exemption--The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company, Inc. (MNA), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 9.6 miles of rail line owned by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company. The lines being acquired by MNA are located between: (1) milepost 334.39 and milepost 330.2 in Joplin, MO; and (2) milepost 309.9 and milepost 315.3 in Carthage, MO.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after September 9, 1998.

If this 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 does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33637, 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 each pleading must be served on Karl Morell Esq., BALL JANIK LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: September 22, 1998.

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

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Secretary