

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33389

THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY--
ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION--
THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

Decided: November 3, 1997

In a decision served on September 26, 1997, we granted a petition by the United Transportation Union (UTU) for revocation of the exemption granted in this proceeding and ordered The Land Conservancy of Seattle and King County (TLC) immediately to reconvey the involved line to The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF).

On October 8, 1997, TLC filed a petition seeking reconsideration of that decision and other relief.¹ On October 17, 1997, BNSF filed a petition to reopen. UTU's replies to the TLC and BNSF petitions were due on October 28, 1997, and November 6, 1997, respectively.

On October 27, 1997, UTU filed a request for an extension of time to reply to TLC's petition. UTU asks that, in order to eliminate duplicate filings, it be permitted to reply to the two petitions in a single pleading due 20 days after the filing date of BNSF's petition. The request is reasonable and will be granted.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. UTU's extension request is granted.
2. UTU's reply to the petitions is due November 6, 1997.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ In a decision served on October 22, 1997, the Chairman denied a stay request by TLC, but ordered the requirement that TLC reconvey the subject line to BNSF held in abeyance pending resolution of TLC's petition for reconsideration.