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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33606]

Minnesota Commercial Railway Company--Acquisition and Operation Exemption--

Certain Lines of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Minnesota Commercial Railway Company (MC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 5 miles of rail line owned by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), plus incidental trackage rights to reach certain industries and MC's own trackage.¹ The line is located in Minneapolis, MN, known as the Southeast Minneapolis Switching District (SEMSD).²

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after May 28, 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.

¹ MC certifies that its projected revenues will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

² BNSF classified the SEMSD as industrial trackage, and, consequently, there are no mileposts on the subject trackage.

33606, 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 Eugenia Langan, Esq., Shea & Gardner, 1800 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

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Decided: June 11, 1998.

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

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Secretary