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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33719]

Yakima Interurban Lines Association—Acquisition Exemption—BNSF Acquisition, Inc.

Yakima Interurban Lines Association (Yakima), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from BNSF Acquisition, Inc., successor in interest to Washington Central Railroad Company, approximately 11.29 miles of rail line between milepost 2.97, at Fruitvale, WA, and milepost 14.26, at Naches, WA.¹

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after February 25, 1999.

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. 33719, 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, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

¹ Yakima will be the exclusive operator of the rail line.

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Decided: February 24, 1999.

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

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Secretary