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[STB Finance Docket No. 33518]

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Exemption--The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

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The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after the November 24, 1997 effective date of the exemption.

If the 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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33518, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit,

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1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: John D. Heffner, Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, Suite 420, 1920 N Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

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