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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33597]

Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC--Acquisition and Operation Exemption--Great Western Lines, LLC

Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC (GWC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption to acquire approximately 23 miles of rail line from Great Western Lines, LLC.¹ The line involved in the acquisition transaction is located in Colorado as follows: (1) between milepost 76.5, at Fort Collins, and milepost 98.9 at Greeley; and (2) the Burlington Northern Railroad Company's former interchange track at Loveland, between the end of the track and a point 10 feet south of Tenth Street in Loveland.

The transaction was to be consummated on or shortly after May 14, 1998, the effective date of the exemption.

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 GWC certifies that the projected revenues do not exceed those that would qualify as a Class III rail carrier. GWC also certifies that the projected annual revenue will not exceed \$5 million.

33597, 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.

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Decided: June 2, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary