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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
Washington, D.C. 20423

January 17, 1997

*STB Finance Docket No. 32974*

BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE CORPORATION,  
BNSF ACQUISITION CORP.--AND BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD  
COMPANY--CONTROL-WASHINGTON CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

**NOTICE**

A court action, entitled as shown below,  
was instituted on or about December 20, 1996,  
involving the above-entitled proceeding:

No. 97-70022

CITY OF AUBURN, a municipal corporation of the  
State of Washington, and the CITY OF YAKIMA, a municipal  
corporation of the State of Washington; and the CITY OF KENT,  
a municipal corporation of the State of Washington

V.

U.S. GOVERNMENT; THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
an agency of the United State Government

*before the*

*United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit*

VERNON A. WILLIAMS

Secretary