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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33318]

Port of Columbia--Acquisition Exemption--Union Pacific  
Railroad Company

Port of Columbia (Port) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire approximately 37.4 miles of rail line owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) between milepost 48.0 near Walla Walla, WA, and milepost 71.3 at Bolles, WA, and between milepost 0.0 at Bolles, WA, and milepost 14.06 at Dayton, WA.<sup>1</sup> Consummation was expected to occur on or shortly after December 19, 1996.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Blue Mountain Railroad, Inc. (BMR) currently operates over the line pursuant to a lease agreement that was the subject of a notice of exemption in Finance Docket No. 32193. The agreement between UP and the Port is subject to that lease agreement and BMR will continue to operate the line after this transaction is consummated under an assignment of the lease from UP to the Port.

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An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33318, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 and served on: Karl Morell, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: January 6, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary