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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 42057

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO D/B/A XCEL ENERGY  
v.  
THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

Decided: March 1, 2004

By complaint filed on December 20, 2000, the Public Service Company of Colorado d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel) challenges the rates charged by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) for movements of coal from origins in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming to Xcel's Pawnee Steam Electric Generating Station near Brush, CO. The parties filed opening evidence on January 10, 2003, reply evidence on April 4, 2003, rebuttal evidence on May 19, 2003, and briefs on September 8, 2003.

In a decision served on February 17, 2004, the parties were asked to provide the Board with more recent traffic data (to include full year 2002 and 2003) for the stand-alone traffic group. Following joint consultations with Board staff, the previous request for the data will be withdrawn at the parties' request.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The request in the decision served on February 17, 2004, that the parties submit more recent traffic data for the stand-alone traffic group by March 8, 2004, is withdrawn.
2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary