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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[S.B. Finance Docket No. 333031

Clark County, Washington--Acquisition Exemption--Burlington Northern Santa Fe

Railroad Clark County, Washington (CCW), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified

notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41: (1) to acquire a total of approximately 3.6

miles of rail line owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and located in Clark

County, Washington, between milepost 3.62 at Rye and milepost 0.0 at Vancouver

Junction (the Rye Branch). The proposed transaction was to be consummated on

December 6, 1996, or as soon thereafter as the selected operator's exemption becomes

effective.¹ 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 S.B. Finance Docket No.

33303, must be filed with the

¹I CCW is seeking acquisition authority only. The future operator of the Rye Branch, once selected by CCW, will file its own Verified Notice of Exemption for operating authority over the Rye Branch.

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Surface Transportation board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201
Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington DC 20423 and served on: Kevin M. Sheys,
Oppenheimer Wolf & Donnelly, 1020 Nineteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.
Decided: December 16, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary

