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VIA E-FILE

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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395 E. Street, S.W., Room #100
Washington, DC 20423-0001

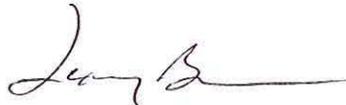
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**RE: Proposed Discontinuance of Trackage Rights in Pierce County, Washington
STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 331X)**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached please find the affidavit of publication referenced in Exhibit 2 of the Notice of Exemption filed in the above-caption proceeding on May 27, 2016.

Sincerely,



Jeremy M. Berman



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION Exhibit 2

Account #	Ad Number	Identification	PO	Amount	Cols	Lines
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Attention: SARA RIEF

UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY CO
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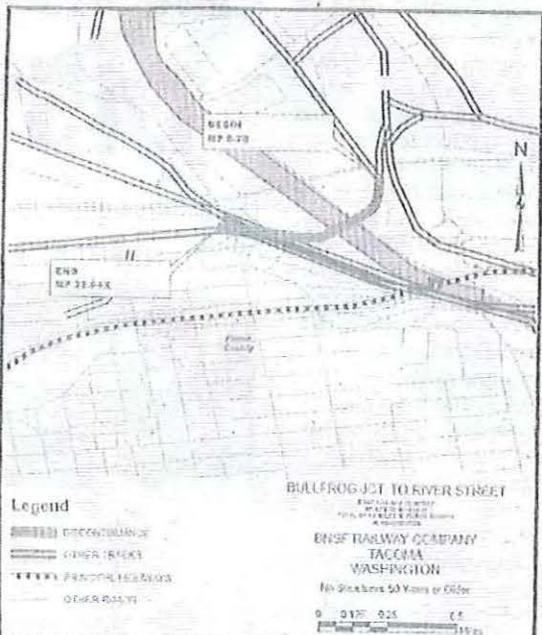
NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISCONTINUE TRACKAGE RIGHTS

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY (UP) GIVES NOTICE THAT ON OR AFTER May 27, 2016 it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C., a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments permitting the discontinuance of trackage rights on that portion of the BNSF Railway Company's line extending from near BNSF's Puyallup Bridge 8.78 to BNSF Milepost 38.91X a total distance of 0.6 miles in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington (the "Line") and traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 98421. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 331X).

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0291. The Notice of Exemption will provide that the proceeding is exempt from environmental reporting requirements under 49 C.F.R. 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting requirements under 49 C.F.R. 1105.6(b).

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail bank/trackage use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trackage use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of Proceedings, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423 (See 49 C.F.R. 1104.11a) and 1104.31a), and one copy must be served on the applicant's representative. (See 49 C.F.R. 1104.12(a)). Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trackage use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (888) 254-1792. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on UP's representative: Jeremy T. Berman, General Attorney, 1400 Douglas St., STOP 1580, Omaha, NE 68179, 402-544-4735.

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JANICE WASSENAAR, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he/she is the Principal Clerk of the publication; The News Tribune, printed and published in Tacoma, Pierce County, State of Washington, and having a general circulation therein, and which said newspaper(s) have been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said County during a period of six months prior to the first publication of the notice, a copy of which is attached hereto: that said notice was published in The News Tribune, as amended, for:

1 Insertions

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May 25, 2016

(Handwritten Signature)
(Principal Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn on this 25th day of May in the year of 2016 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Janice Wassenaar known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.



(Handwritten Signature)
Notary Public in and for the state of Washington, residing in Pierce County 1950 S. State St, Tacoma, WA 98405