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**WESTERN FUELS ASSOCIATION, INC. AND
BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.**

v.

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

**Opening Evidence of
BNSF Railway Company**

NARRATIVE & EXHIBITS

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Abbreviations

Terms:	
AAR	Association of American Railroads
ATSF	The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company
Basin Electric	Basin Electric Power Cooperative
BN	Burlington Northern Railroad Company
BNSF	BNSF Railway Company
GTM	Gross Ton Mile
ICC	Interstate Commerce Commission
Laramie River	Laramie River Station
LUM	Locomotive Unit Mile
MOW	Maintenance of Way
PBR	Wyoming Powder River Basin
PPI	Producer Price Index
RCAF	Rail Cost Adjustment Factor
RCAF-A	Rail Cost Adjustment Factor-Adjusted for Changes in Productivity
RCAF-U	Rail Cost Adjustment Factor-Unadjusted for Changed in Productivity
RSAM	Revenue Shortfall Allocation Method
R/VC	Revenue-To-Variable Cost
SAC	Stand-Alone Cost
SEM	Switch Engine Minute
UMF	URCS Master File
URCS	Uniform Rail Costing System
WFA	Western Fuels Association, Inc.

Case Names

<i>Coal Rate Guidelines</i>	<i>Coal Rate Guidelines, Nationwide</i> , 1 I.C.C.2d 520 (1985)
<i>CP&L/NS</i>	<i>Carolina Power and Light Company v. Norfolk Southern Railway Company</i> , STB Docket No. 42072 (STB served December 23, 2003)
<i>FMC</i>	<i>FMC Wyoming Corp. v. Union Pacific R.R.</i> , STB Docket 42022 (served May 12, 2000)
<i>Interim Guidelines</i>	<i>Coal Rate Guidelines, Nationwide</i> , Ex Parte No. 347 (Sub-No.1) (served Feb. 24, 1983)
<i>TMPA</i>	<i>Texas Municipal Power Agency v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Ry. Co.</i> , STB Docket No. 42056 (served Mar. 24, 2003)
<i>WFA</i>	<i>Western Fuels Association, Inc. and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Ry. Co.</i> , STB Docket 42088
<i>Xcel</i>	<i>Public Service Company of Colorado D/B/A Xcel Energy v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Ry. Co.</i> , STB Docket No. 42057 (served June 7, 2004)

I. COUNSEL’S ARGUMENT AND SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

A. INTRODUCTION

This is the opening evidence and argument of defendant BNSF Railway Company (“BNSF”) in the rate reasonableness proceeding *Western Fuels Association, Inc. and Basin Electric Power Cooperative v. BNSF Railway Company*,¹ STB Docket No. 42088.

This case involves a challenge to the reasonableness of BNSF’s common carrier rates for the transportation of coal from the Wyoming Powder River Basin (“PRB”) to the Laramie River Station (“Laramie River”) operated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative (“Basin Electric”), a member of the Western Fuels Association (“WFA”). Laramie River is located near Moba, Wyoming. The challenged rates are set out in Common Carrier Pricing Authority BNSF 90077 (“CCPA-BNSF 90077”). CCPA-BNSF 90077 groups the PRB mine origins into three geographic regions -- South,² Central,³ and North⁴ -- and establishes a separate common carrier rate for each region. WFA/Basin Electric’s complaint has challenged the reasonableness of rates for transportation from each of the three regions.

CCPA-BNSF 90077 became effective on October 1, 2004, upon the expiration of a prior twenty-year transportation contract between BNSF and WFA. BNSF and WFA/Basin Electric attempted to reach an agreement over the terms of a transportation contract that would replace the expiring contract, but the negotiations were unsuccessful. WFA/Basin Electric

¹ Following the filing of the complaint in this case, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company changed its name to BNSF Railway Company.

² South PRB Mines include Jacobs Ranch, Black Thunder, Black Thunder South, Antelope, North Antelope, and Rochelle.

³ Central PRB Mines include Caballo, Belle Ayr, Caballo Rojo, Cordero, and Coal Creek.

⁴ North PRB Mines include Buckskin, Rawhide, Eagle Butte, Dry Fork, Fort Union, and Clovis Point.

therefore requested that BNSF provide common carrier rates for the movement of PRB coal to Laramie River to become effective when the existing contract expired and BNSF responded by establishing the rates that are the subject of this proceeding.

B. VARIABLE COST EVIDENCE

Section II.A.1 of this Narrative describes BNSF’s analysis of the variable costs of providing service to Laramie River. BNSF’s variable cost evidence is supported by the testimony of Mr. Benton V. Fisher, a Director at FTI Consulting, Inc., Ms. Deborah G. Newland, a Senior Consultant at FTI Consulting, Inc., and B. Scott Castleberry, BNSF’s Director - Regulatory Costs. The bases and methodologies used by BNSF to calculate variable costs are described in detail in Section II.A.1 of the Narrative and do not need to be addressed further here. The R/VC ratios for transportation at issue in this proceeding are set out below and in Section II.A.2 of the Narrative.

**Table I-1
R/VC Ratios
Fourth Quarter 2004**

MINE	RATE	VC	R/VC
Northern PRB			
Dry Fork	\$6.15	\$2.01	306%
Eagle Butte	\$6.15	\$2.05	299%
Central PRB			
Caballo Rojo	\$5.97	\$1.80	331%
Cordero	\$5.97	\$1.76	339%
Southern PRB			
Jacobs Ranch	\$5.69	\$1.61	353%

Source: Exhibit II.A-1

C. THE R/VC RATIOS ON THE ISSUE TRAFFIC REFLECT A REASONABLE EXERCISE OF DIFFERENTIAL PRICING

BNSF acknowledges that the R/VC ratios for the Laramie River movement exceed the jurisdictional threshold. However, the Laramie River movement is one of BNSF's shortest PRB coal hauls. Therefore, the variable costs for this movement would be expected to be among the lowest for BNSF's PRB movements. In addition, as discussed in Section II.A.1, the variable costs for this movement would be expected to be relatively low because the Laramie River train is significantly longer than the average PRB train. The variable costs for Laramie River are therefore spread over more tons producing a lower variable cost per ton. Under these circumstances, the R/VC ratios for a movement like the Laramie River movement would be expected to be relatively high.

Rates that generate relatively high R/VC ratios on a heavy, short-haul movement are entirely consistent with BNSF's revenue adequacy needs. Congress has made revenue adequacy for railroads part of the national transportation policy, stating that it is the policy of the United States: "to promote a safe and efficient rail transportation system by allowing rail carriers to earn adequate revenues, as determined by the Board." 49 U.S.C. § 10101(3).⁵ The Board is explicitly required to give "due consideration" when determining the reasonableness of rates to "the policy . . . that rail carriers *shall* earn adequate revenues." 49 U.S.C. § 10701(d)(2) (emphasis added). *See also* 49 U.S.C. § 10704(a)(2).

Both the Board's predecessor and the courts have acknowledged that the Board is obligated to apply its rate reasonableness authority in a way that gives railroads an opportunity to

⁵ Congress also stated that it is the policy of the United States: "to maintain reasonable rates where there is an absence of effective competition and *where rail rates provide revenues which exceed the amount necessary to maintain the rail system and to attract capital.*" 49 U.S.C. § 10101(6) (emphasis added).

achieve and sustain revenue adequacy. See, e.g., *Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. v. Surface Transportation Board*, No. 04-1162, slip op. at 11 (D.C. Cir. April 8, 2005) (“the rate prescribed must satisfy the dual purpose of protecting the shipper from monopolistic practice while ensuring a carrier adequate revenue”); *Consolidated Rail Corp. v. U.S.*, 812 F.2d 1444, 1450 (3rd Cir. 1987) (rate-setting methodology must be “consistent with the basic requirement of revenue adequacy”); *Coal Rate Guidelines, Nationwide*, Ex Parte No. 347 (Sub-No. 1), slip op. at 7 (served Feb. 24, 1983) (“*Interim Guidelines*”) (noting that some rates must “exceed, perhaps substantially,” the jurisdictional revenue to variable cost ratio because of the “basic concept” of revenue adequacy embodied in statute).

The ICC determined that the appropriate measure of revenue adequacy is whether a rail carrier earns a return on net investment equal to its current cost of capital. *Standards for Railroad Revenue Adequacy*, 364 I.C.C. 803 (1981), *aff’d sub nom. Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Co. v. I.C.C.*, 691 F.2d 1104 (3rd Cir. 1982), *cert. denied*, 462 U.S. 1110 (1983). As the ICC explained in the final *Coal Rate Guidelines*:

This is the revenue level necessary for a railroad to compete equally with other firms for available financing in order to maintain, replace, modernize, and, where appropriate, expand its facilities and services. If railroads cannot earn the fair market rate of return, their ability both to retain existing investments and obtain new capital will be impaired, because both the existing and prospective funds could be invested elsewhere at a more attractive rate of return.

1 I.C.C. 2d at 535. The Board annually evaluates whether each Class I railroad is revenue adequate. Despite the statutory revenue adequacy policy, however, BNSF remains revenue

inadequate under the applicable standard. The Board has never found that BNSF achieved revenue adequacy for any year.⁶

In promulgating the *Coal Rate Guidelines*, the ICC attempted to create a regime of rate regulation that would allow railroads to achieve revenue adequacy through meaningful differential pricing. The ICC recognized that railroads face competition for the vast majority of their shipments and that a railroad's marginal cost of providing service on many movements is lower than the "average" cost. Competition forces railroads to price many of their shipments at levels that do not enable the railroad to recover a substantial portion of unattributable costs from those movements. The ICC concluded, therefore, that "the cost structure of the railroad industry necessitates differential pricing of rail services." *Final Guidelines*, 1 I.C.C. 2d at 526. Because shippers with competitive options do not pay enough to contribute significantly to the coverage of unattributable costs, other shippers with fewer or no competitive options must pay more.⁷ Only by charging some shippers higher rates can a railroad cover its full costs and become revenue adequate.

The revenue to variable cost ratios in this case, which range from 299 to 353 percent, are well within the range of differential prices that BNSF must charge in order to achieve revenue adequacy. For each Class I railroad, the Board annually calculates the Revenue

⁶ Between passage of the Staggers Act in 1980 and the merger of Burlington Northern Railroad Company ("BN") and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company ("ATSF") to form BNSF, neither the Board nor the ICC ever found that ATSF achieved revenue adequacy and the ICC concluded that BN did so in only one year, 1989. *Railroad Revenue Adequacy – 1989 Determination*, 7 I.C.C. 2d 580 (1991).

⁷ Shippers who bear a higher proportion of costs nonetheless benefit from the presence on a railroad's network of shippers who pay a lower portion. Such shippers contribute, albeit modestly, to covering the fixed costs of the railroad, and therefore reduce the overall cost borne by all other shippers. Any effort to obtain higher rates from shippers with competitive options would cause those shippers to stop using the railroad, thereby increasing costs for all other shippers.

Shortfall Allocation Method (“RSAM”) percentage – the average markup to variable cost BNSF would need to charge for its traffic that generates revenue in excess of 180 percent of variable cost in order to earn adequate revenues.⁸ In its most recent decision, the Board found that for the period 1999 to 2002, BNSF would have needed to earn average revenues of 316 percent of its variable costs for traffic that generates revenue in excess of 180 percent of variable cost in order to achieve revenue adequacy. *Rate Guidelines – Non-Coal Proceedings*, STB Ex Parte No. 347 (Sub-No. 2) (served May 21, 2004). Since the RSAM is an average, it is clear that some shippers – those with the most inelastic demand for transportation – will be expected to pay rates that exceed 316 percent of variable cost to offset the lower rates paid by shippers with less inelastic demand. The R/VC ratios at issue here are fully consistent with the statutory policy of promoting railroad revenue adequacy.

D. THE FACT THAT THE RATES INCREASED WHEN THE PRIOR CONTRACT EXPIRED IS NOT MEANINGFUL IN ASSESSING THE REASONABLENESS OF THE RATES

In Section II.C below, Professor Joseph P. Kalt, Ford Foundation Professor of International Economy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, responds to claims made by Complainants in the complaint and in various public statements to the effect that the rates at issue here should be deemed unreasonable because they represent a significant increase over the rates paid under the expiring contract. While the Board will evaluate the reasonableness of the challenged rates under the SAC test, Professor Kalt explains that it is important for the Board to have an accurate understanding of the commercial background of this dispute. Professor Kalt discusses several factors that suggest that the prior

⁸ The Board views such traffic as the pool of “potentially captive” traffic from which railroads could make up revenue shortfalls. *Rate Guidelines – Non-Coal Proceedings*, STB Ex Parte No. 347 (Sub-No. 2) (served May 8, 2002).

contract rates were significantly below market and that a rate increase was warranted by current market conditions.

Complainants' assertions about the commercial unreasonableness of the rate increase ignore the context under which BNSF's predecessor set the previous contract rate. The prior contract was the product of a litigation settlement. The contract had a favorable escalation provision that {

} The favorable rates produced by this contract contributed to complainant's position as one of the lowest cost producers of electricity in the country. It also permitted Basin Electric to provide rebates to its members over the past five years of \$140 million. Under these circumstances, a significant rate increase was to be expected.

Professor Kalt also explains that the market conditions today are very different from the conditions under which the earlier contract was established. Current demand for PRB coal is strong and is expected to increase. At the same time, rail capacity needed to satisfy this demand is tight. These market conditions are in stark contrast to the conditions in effect in the early 1980s when the prior contract was negotiated. It is therefore not surprising that rates would increase significantly with the expiration of a long-term contract that had become out of step with changes in market conditions.

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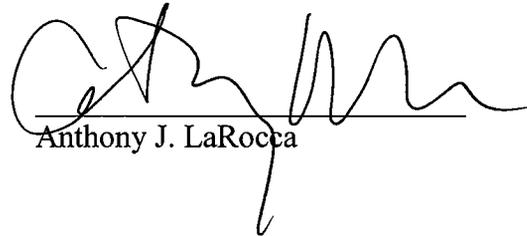
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II. MARKET DOMINANCE

A. QUANTITATIVE EVIDENCE

1. Variable Costs

This section of the Narrative explains the bases for BNSF's calculation of the variable costs to transport coal to Basin Electric's Laramie River plant. The variable cost evidence presented in this Narrative is supported by Benton V. Fisher, Deborah G. Newland, and B. Scott Castleberry. The qualifications and verifications of each witness, which are set out in Section IV to this Narrative, describe the portions of this Narrative that are sponsored by each witness. Briefly, Mr. Fisher is a Managing Director and Ms. Newland is a Senior Consultant at FTI Consulting, Inc. They specialize in the economic and financial analysis of network industries, including rail transportation. Mr. Castleberry is BNSF's Director, Regulatory Costs.

Common Carrier Pricing Authority BNSF 90077 ("CCPA-BNSF 90077"), which became effective October 1, 2004, establishes the rates for the Laramie River move. The pricing authority divides the PRB origin mines geographically into three regions: North PRB,¹ Central PRB,² and South PRB.³ It establishes a separate rate for each region.

The Laramie River move is unusual in a number of respects. First, the Laramie River generating plant is in very close proximity to the Wyoming PRB mines, making the Laramie River move one of BNSF's shortest PRB coal movements. The movement is also unusual in terms of train length. Laramie River trains average 136 coal cars and are typically

¹ North PRB includes the following mines: Buckskin, Rawhide, Eagle Butte, Dry Fork, Fort Union, and Clovis Point.

² Central PRB includes the following mines: Caballo, Belle Ayr, Caballo Rojo, Cordero, and Coal Creek.

³ South PRB includes the following mines: Jacobs Ranch, Black Thunder, Black Thunder South, Antelope, North Antelope, and Rochelle.

powered by four SD70MACs. This makes the Laramie River trains among the longest and heaviest of BNSF's coal trains. Another distinguishing feature of the Laramie River move is that the Laramie River trains do not pass through a major BNSF yard. As a result, locomotive and car inspection and servicing and car repair are principally performed at the plant, in this case by a third-party contractor. Moreover, when locomotives must be returned to a yard for inspection and/or repair, BNSF must exchange locomotives with units from other trains somewhere along the Laramie River route.

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland developed variable cost evidence for the Laramie River movement for each mine origin that originated coal the Fourth Quarter 2004, the first quarter in which Laramie River trains moved under the challenged rates. To develop BNSF's variable costs for transportation provided under the challenged rates, they relied on Uniform Rail Costing System ("URCS") costs that are based on the URCS Master File ("UMF") for 2003 and were developed using procedures previously accepted by the Board.⁴ They made a movement-specific adjustment to locomotive-ownership costs to reflect the fact that Laramie River trains utilized significantly more locomotives than the system-average unit train and that those locomotives are predominantly high-horsepower SD70MACs, which are more expensive than the system-average locomotive. In addition, they made a movement-specific adjustment for fuel consumption to reflect the fact that Laramie River trains consume more fuel than the system-average. They incorporated the results of these movement-specific adjustments in lieu of BNSF

⁴ To develop costs, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland adjusted the Board's UMF to include Account 90 and exclude Account 76. *See TMPA* at 40, *CP&L/NS* at 114.

system-average costs in their calculation of variable costs. Finally, they did not apply the URCS linking factor, which has become obsolete.⁵

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland calculated variable costs for the Laramie River movement that ranged from \$1.61 per ton to \$2.05 per ton. Based on the applicable rate, the R/VC ratios for the issue traffic range from 2.99 to 3.53.

The variable cost evidence is presented in the following sequence. Section II.A.1.a. identifies the specific traffic and operating characteristics that underlie Mr. Fisher's and Ms. Newland's variable cost calculations. Section II.A.1.b. explains the methodologies used to calculate the various components of variable costs and describes the movement-specific adjustments employed (in lieu of system-average data) to reflect more accurately the variable costs of the issue traffic service. The detailed variable cost calculations are presented in Exhibit II.A-1.

a. Traffic and Operating Characteristics of the Laramie River Movement

As discussed above, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland primarily used URCS system-average costs to estimate variable costs for Laramie River shipments moving under the challenged rate. Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland made movement-specific adjustments to locomotive-ownership and fuel consumption costs. Developing URCS system-average costs for the Laramie River movement requires identification of the following movement-specific inputs: lading and tare weights, cars per train, route miles, and car owner. The locomotive ownership and fuel consumption adjustments further required identification of the specific locomotives

⁵ Use of the linking factor is not required. See Ex Parte No. 431 (Sub-No. 1), *Adoption of the Uniform Railroad Costing System for All Regulatory Costing Purposes*, 5 I.C.C. 2d 894, 899 n.15 (Decided Sept. 8, 1989). The linking factor is based on outdated data from the 1980s.

utilized by the Laramie River trains, the amount of time each locomotive was used in Laramie River service, the locomotive consist sizes, and the locomotive cycle times. Exhibit II.A-2 presents the characteristics used to develop BNSF's variable costs consistent with *Potomac Electric Power Co. v. Consolidated Rail Corp.*⁶ The sources of the data are identified below.

(1) Name of Mines and Power Plant

Laramie River trains originated coal in the Fourth Quarter 2004 from the following PRB mines: Eagle Butte, Dry Fork, Caballo Rojo, Cordero, and Jacobs Ranch.

The destination is the Laramie River Generating Station near Moba, Wyoming.

(2) Milepost at Origins; Milepost at Destination

Exhibit II.A-2 presents the mileposts for the origin mines and the turnout at Laramie River, as identified from track charts BNSF produced in discovery. The Laramie River plant is located on a spur track approximately three miles from the BNSF mainline.⁷

(3) Annual Tons

In the Fourth Quarter 2004, BNSF transported a total of 2,157,536 tons to Laramie River.⁸

(4) Date of First Shipment

The first shipment to move under the challenged rate was waybilled on October 1, 2004.⁹

⁶ I.C.C. Docket No. 36114 (Sub-No. 1), served April 7, 1982.

⁷ Electronic workpaper "WFA Miles.xls."

⁸ Electronic workpaper "Operating Stats.xls," tab "Summary."

⁹ Electronic workpaper "Operating Stats.xls," tab "Basin Elect."

(5) Alpha-Numeric Car Type

Plain gondolas (AAR car type “J”) are predominantly used to move Laramie River coal.

(6) Lading Weight per Car

Mr. Castleberry developed the average lading weight per car for the shipments to Laramie River from freight bills for Laramie River trains moving in the Fourth Quarter 2004. Exhibit II.A-2 presents the average lading weights by origin mine.¹⁰

(7) Tare Weight per Car

Like lading weights, Mr. Castleberry developed the average tare weight per car from freight bills for Laramie River trains moving in the Fourth Quarter 2004. The average tare weight per car is 21.7 tons.¹¹

(8) Identity of Car Owner

CCPA-BNSF 90077 specifies that the shipper supply the rail cars used to transport coal to Laramie River. CCPA-BNSF 90077 also provides that, at the shipper’s request and if available, BNSF will provide up to 75 cars to supplement the shipper’s car fleet. WFA/Basin Electric pay BNSF a separate charge for such cars on a per car basis. No ownership costs or revenues associated with those cars have been included in the variable cost calculations.

(9) Identity of Locomotive Owner

BNSF provides the locomotives used to move the Laramie River trains. *See* Item 21.

¹⁰ Electronic workpaper “Operating Stats.xls,” tab “Summary.”

¹¹ *Id.*

(10) Car Lease Rental

Not applicable.

(11) Locomotive Lease Rental

BNSF acquired the locomotives used to power Laramie River trains through purchases and operating leases. Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland used detailed accounting data produced by BNSF in discovery to calculate locomotive ownership costs.¹² The calculation of these costs is described below in Section II.A.1.b.(1)(b).

(12) Present Rate

The present rates per net ton are as follows:

South PRB Mines	\$5.69
Central PRB Mines	\$5.97
North PRB Mines	\$6.15

(13) Proposed Rate

See Item (12) above.

(14) Initial Rate and Effective Date

The rates set out in Item (12) above took effect on October 1, 2004.

¹² Electronic workpaper “Loco Ownership.xls,” tab “Ownership Data.”

(15) Amounts (or Percent) of Rate Escalation

CCPA-BNSF 90077 provides for escalation of the rates on January 1, 2006 and again on January 1, 2007 as follows:

	<u>1/1/06</u>	<u>1/1/07</u>
South PRB Mines	\$6.54	\$7.52
Central PRB Mines	\$6.87	\$7.90
North PRB Mines	\$7.07	\$8.13

(16) Cars per Train

Mr. Castleberry developed the average number of cars per train for shipments to Laramie River from the Laramie River freight bills for the Fourth Quarter 2004. Laramie River trains average 136 cars per train.¹³

(17) Loaded Miles

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland developed the loaded and empty miles between origin mine and destination using BNSF's track charts.¹⁴ The loaded and empty miles are set forth in Exhibit II.A-2.

(18) Empty Miles

See Item (17) above.

(19) Length of Origin Loop Track

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland used BNSF URCS system-average origination costs, adjusted to reflect unit train service,¹⁵ to estimate variable costs for the issue movement.

¹³ Electronic workpaper "Operating Stats.xls," tab "Summary."

¹⁴ Electronic workpaper "WFA Miles.xls."

¹⁵ Ex Parte No. 270 (Sub-No. 4), *Investigation of Railroad Freight Rate Structure – Coal*, 345 I.C.C. 71, 227 (Decided Dec. 3, 1974).

(20) Length of Destination Track

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland used BNSF URCS system-average destination costs, adjusted to reflect unit train service,¹⁶ to estimate variable costs for the issue movement.

(21) Number of Locomotives

The Laramie River trains are powered by approximately four 4000HP SD70MAC units for the entire round trip.¹⁷

(22) Loading Hours

Included in Item (24).

(23) Unloading Hours

Included in Item (24).

(24) Cycle Time

Mr. Castleberry developed an average locomotive cycle time for Laramie River trains by mine origin from BNSF Fourth Quarter 2003 – Third Quarter 2004 train movement data produced in discovery.¹⁸ Exhibit II.A-2 presents the average cycle time by origin mine.

(25) Number of Train Sets Required

Not applicable.

(26) Trips per Year per Train Set

Not applicable.

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ Electronic workpaper “Cycle Time & LUM Summary.xls,” tab, “LUMS Summary.”

¹⁸ Electronic workpaper “Cycle Time & LUM Summary.xls,” tab “Cycle Summary.”

(27) Crew Districts, Loaded Direction

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland used BNSF URCS system-average crew costs to estimate variable costs for the Laramie River movement.

(28) Crew Districts, Empty Direction

See Item (27) above.

(29) Turnaround Crews

See Item (27) above.

(30) Locomotive Units

Mr. Castleberry identified the specific locomotive units used on the Laramie River trains from BNSF Fourth Quarter 2003 – Third Quarter 2004 train movement data produced in discovery. During this period, 96 percent of the locomotive hours on Laramie River trains were provided by 4000HP SD70MACs and the remaining hours were provided by AC4400CWs.¹⁹ The BNSF variable costs reflect locomotive-ownership costs for the actual units that powered the Laramie River trains, based on purchase and lease information that BNSF provided in discovery.²⁰

(31) Cars Required

See Item (8) above.

¹⁹ Electronic workpaper “Cycle Time & LUM Summary.xls,” tab “Hours by Loco.”

²⁰ Electronic workpaper “Loco Ownership.xls,” tab “Ownership Data.”

(32) Cabooses Required

Laramie River trains use end-of-train devices. By using system-average costs, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland incorporate system-average end-of-train equipment expenses in developing variable costs for the issue movement.

(33) Locomotive Spare Margin

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland include a locomotive spare margin of { } percent based on a special study of BNSF data provided in discovery and described below in Section II.A.1.b.(1)(b).²¹

(34) Car Spare Margin

See item (31) above.

(35) Switching by Road-Haul Locomotives

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland use BNSF URCS system-average switching costs adjusted to reflect unit train service.²² They allocated the system-average switch engine minutes based on BNSF's system-wide mix of road and yard switching.²³

(36) Switching by Yard Locomotives.

See Item (35) above.

²¹ Electronic workpaper "Spare Margin.xls," tab "Summary."

²² Ex Parte No. 270 (Sub-No. 4), *Investigation of Railroad Freight Rate Structure – Coal*, 345 I.C.C. 71, 227 (Decided Dec. 3, 1974).

²³ Electronic workpaper "BNSF-03-SWITCH SPLIT-.123."

(37) Helper Service

By using BNSF URCS system-average train mile and locomotive unit mile costs, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland incorporate system-average helper service costs in the variable costs for the issue movement.

(38) Helper Crews

See Item (27) above.

(39) Location of Interchanges

There are no interchanges for the Laramie River movement.

(40) Location of Inter and Intra-Train Switching

See Item (35) above.

(41) Joint Facility Payments

By using URCS system-average maintenance-of-way costs (“MOW”), Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland incorporate system-average joint facility expenses in the variable costs for the issue movement.

b. Variable Costs of the Laramie River Movements

Variable costs are costs that change in direct proportion to changes in output. The Board requires that URCS be used to calculate variable costs in railroad rate proceedings.²⁴ Variable costs for the Laramie River traffic were calculated using the Board’s 2003 UMF

²⁴ URCS is the cost accounting tool that the Board uses to estimate variable costs. Each year, using cost and operating statistics from each Class I carrier’s Annual R-1 Report, the Waybill Sample, Annual Report of Cars Loaded and Terminated (Form CS-54), and the Report of Freight Commodity Statistics (Form QCS), the Board develops the URCS unit costs for each carrier.

adjusted to include Account 90 and exclude Account 76.²⁵ In order to calculate the variable costs of service for the Laramie River traffic, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland used BNSF 2003 URCS system-average costs indexed to the Fourth Quarter 2004. For locomotive ownership costs, they used actual BNSF costs to make movement-specific adjustments that reflect the actual traffic and operating characteristics of the Laramie River trains. They also used fuel consumption data for Laramie River trains that BNSF maintains in the ordinary course of business. The methodologies used in making these movement-specific adjustments are explained in the following sections of this Narrative.

(1) Gross Ton-Mile Costs

URCS develops gross ton-mile unit costs for road property maintenance and ownership. Gross ton-mile costs also include a portion of the expenses associated with train fuel, locomotive ownership, locomotive maintenance, and locomotive and train administration activities. With the exception of fuel consumption, fuel expense overheads, and locomotive ownership, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland use URCS system-average gross ton-mile costs for the Laramie River traffic.

(a) Fuel

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland based their variable cost calculations on the actual fuel consumption for Laramie River trains. Actual fuel consumption was determined using BNSF's fuel consumption data for Laramie River trains produced in discovery for the period March 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.²⁶ Mr. Castleberry explains that these data are maintained

²⁵ See *TMPA* at 40, *CP&L/NS* at 114. Electronic workpaper "BNSF URCS 2003.zip," file "BNSF809PHSE11A.Y03," worktable A4 Part 1, lines 142 and 144.

²⁶ BNSF/LR/CD 0031.

in the ordinary course of business. They are developed from event recorder data downloaded from trains that pass through designated data collection stations. BNSF recently began collecting these data as part of a program that measures the performance of its engineers. The event recorder data are used to estimate fuel consumption by applying the same basic methodologies that BNSF used in the fuel studies that were accepted by the Board in the *TMPA v. BNSF* and *Xcel v. BNSF* coal rate reasonableness cases.²⁷

BNSF's fuel consumption calculations begin with the collection of raw data from locomotive event recorders on locomotives used in PRB coal service. Event recorders track a variety of operating characteristics, such as speed and distance traveled. They also keep track of a locomotive's throttle position by time. The amount of fuel consumed by modern diesel locomotive engines is a function of the locomotive's throttle positions. Because the locomotive diesel engine simply creates electricity for traction motors, the amount of fuel consumed by the diesel engine at each throttle position is constant and does not vary with operating conditions. The manufacturers of the locomotives used by BNSF perform extensive tests to develop highly precise fuel consumption figures for each throttle position on each locomotive model. It is therefore possible to calculate fuel consumption with a high degree of accuracy using the manufacturer's fuel consumption specifications and data from locomotive event recorders on the amount of time a locomotive spends in various throttle positions.

Several of BNSF's locomotives, including some of the units used in Laramie River service, are equipped with communication technology that permits wireless transmission of the locomotive event recorder data to data collection stations that BNSF has installed at various points on its system. As a locomotive equipped with the wireless technology passes a

²⁷ *TMPA* at 58; *Xcel* at 138.

download station, event recorder data are transmitted to the station and then relayed to BNSF's central data warehouse in Fort Worth. In Fort Worth, a computer program correlates the locomotive event data with train operating data to produce a segment-by-segment profile for each locomotive and train. This profile includes the train identification, locomotive identification, model, position in consist, date, time, and station of departure and arrival, number of cars, tonnage, and throttle position time, among other data. The data are also matched against operating and mechanical data to determine whether particular locomotives are contributing tractive effort.

These segment profiles are then analyzed using the Fuel Burn Model that BNSF developed to determine fuel consumption by train and by locomotive for each segment. Specifically, the Fuel Burn Model multiplies the time that the locomotive spends in each throttle position by the fuel consumption rate for each throttle position as determined by the locomotive manufacturer to produce total fuel consumption for the segment. The Fuel Burn Model adjusts for the time that a locomotive is dead-in-consist or is otherwise not contributing tractive effort. Fuel consumption for all of the segments between origin and destination can then be summed to produce total fuel consumption for the line-haul portion of the movement for each train.²⁸

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland calculated the average line-haul fuel consumption for Laramie River trains for each mine origin that originated coal in Fourth Quarter 2004 using

²⁸ Electronic workpaper "MOBA Event Recorder Fuel Burn Data.xls," tab "MOBA TRAINS." Occasionally, the locomotive event recorder data downloaded for a segment are incomplete, resulting in an understatement of fuel consumption for the segment. This appears to happen when too much time elapses between downloads. Locomotive event recorders have a finite memory capacity. Once the memory is full, the recorder restarts at the beginning and overwrites the old data. If the locomotive does not pass through a data collection station before this happens, data are lost and the Fuel Burn Model calculates fuel consumption using incomplete throttle position data. Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland identified a few instances where the total throttle position time was inconsistent with the total run time and excluded those records from their calculations of average fuel consumption. *Id.*

BNSF's fuel consumption data.²⁹ They also calculated the average line-haul fuel consumption by mine origin using BNSF's URCS system-average fuel consumption and compared the results to the actual fuel consumption to produce an adjustment ratio for each mine origin.³⁰ Finally, they weighted the ratio for each mine origin by the number of trains originated at that mine in Fourth Quarter 2004 to produce a single fuel consumption adjustment factor.³¹ They found that Laramie River trains consumed on average 26 percent more fuel than the system-average based on URCS.³² Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland therefore adjusted the URCS system-average line-haul fuel consumption to account for the above-average level of fuel consumption on Laramie River trains.

(b) Locomotive Ownership Costs

As indicated above, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland calculated the locomotive-ownership costs for Fourth Quarter 2004 based on data produced in discovery that identify the actual units that powered the Laramie River trains in the prior four quarters. For each BNSF locomotive that appeared in a Laramie River train consist, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ Electronic workpaper "MOBA_FUEL_BURN_ADJ.123," tab "ADJMT FACTORS." URCS generates a fuel cost per GTM, LUM and SEM. To calculate URCS system-average fuel consumption for the line-haul portion of the Laramie River move, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland developed the average operating characteristics for the Laramie River trains moving in Fourth Quarter 2004 by mine origin using operating statistics drawn from freight bills and mileage data. Next they calculated the total line-haul GTM and LUM fuel cost using URCS and they calculated BNSF's average cost per gallon based on Schedule 750 in BNSF's R-1. They then divided the total fuel cost for each mine origin by the average cost per gallon to arrive at the line-haul system-average fuel consumption for Laramie River trains by mine origin. As switching is included at system-average, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland did not include the SEM fuel cost component in calculating URCS system-average fuel consumption.

³¹ *Id.*

³² *Id.*

identified the gross investment and age (if the locomotive was purchased or acquired through a capital lease) or the annual payment normalized over the life of the lease (if the locomotive was acquired under an operating lease) from accounting information provided to Laramie River in discovery.³³ With this information, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland then calculated a composite annual ownership cost weighting each locomotive's costs by its proportion of the total locomotive unit-hours used to power Laramie River traffic in the Fourth Quarter 2003 – Third Quarter 2004 period. Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland converted the annual cost to a cost per locomotive unit-hour, and multiplied the cost by the round-trip locomotive cycle hours. They then substituted the resulting figure for the URCS system-average locomotive-ownership costs.

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland also calculated a locomotive spare margin based on a special study of the SD70MAC locomotives in BNSF's Alliance pool³⁴ using data maintained by BNSF in the ordinary course of business and produced to Laramie River in discovery and using the methodology previously accepted by the Board in the *Xcel v. BNSF* rate reasonableness case.³⁵ Their study examined the *availability* (the total time that a locomotive is capable of being used to power a train) and *utilization* (the time that the locomotives are available, but not being "utilized" on a train) of the locomotives in the Alliance pool, which is the pool from which

³³ Electronic workpaper "Loco Ownership.xls."

³⁴ The detailed train movement records produced to Complainants indicate that SD70MACs comprised 96 percent of the locomotive hours for the Laramie River trains. Electronic workpaper "Cycle Time & LUM Summary.xls," tab "Hours by Loco." In addition, BNSF uses its SD70MACs almost exclusively for coal transportation. The remaining four percent of the locomotive hours in Laramie River service are provided by AC4400s drawn from BNSF's Lincoln and Havre locomotive pools. Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland also calculated a spare margin for these units using the same methodology that they used for the Alliance pool units. The spare margin that they used to develop variable costs for Laramie River movements reflects the spare margin for both SD70MACs and AC4400s weighted by locomotive hours in Laramie River service.

³⁵ *Xcel* at 142-43.

locomotives in Laramie River service are primarily drawn. From these data, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland developed an annual composite spare margin that accounts for both unavailable and non-utilized time, neither of which is included in the locomotive cycle times they developed for the Laramie River trains.³⁶ They applied this additive to the locomotive cycle times. By applying the composite factor to the locomotive cycle times for the Laramie River trains, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland account for BNSF's full locomotive-ownership requirements for powering the issue traffic.

(2) Locomotive Unit-Mile Costs

URCS develops costs per locomotive unit-mile that include a portion of the expenses associated with train fuel, locomotive ownership, locomotive maintenance, locomotive repair and servicing, and locomotive and train administration. Treatment of locomotive fuel and ownership expenses is discussed in Section II.A.1.b.(1) above. All other locomotive unit-mile costs are included at system-average levels.

(3) Indexing

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland indexed 2003 base-year costs to Fourth Quarter 2004 using the method adopted in ICC Statement 1E3-80 (April 1980), as supplemented in Complaints Filed Under Section 229 of the Staggers Rail Act of 1980, 365 I.C.C. 507 (1980). To index from base-year levels to Fourth Quarter 2004, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland segregated BNSF expenses into six categories: (1) wages; (2) wage supplements; (3) materials and supplies without fuel; (4) fuel; (5) other indexable expenses, including purchased services, taxes and general expenses; and (6) non-indexable expenses not subject to price changes, which include depreciation, equipment rents and leases, and unemployment insurance taxes. Mr. Fisher and

³⁶ Electronic workpaper "Spare Margin.xls," tab "Summary."

Ms. Newland used AAR indices and the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Producer Price Index³⁷ (to index other indexable expenses) to develop a composite index for all groups except fuel and non-indexable expenses.

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland, in developing variable costs for the issue movement, used the actual BNSF fuel cost per gallon at Moba, Wyoming for the Fourth Quarter 2004 calculated from cost data produced in discovery.³⁸

³⁷ The use of the PPI conforms to the method suggested by the Board in the *FMC* decision. See *FMC* at 91.

³⁸ Electronic workpapers "BNSF-03to04-IE3-INDEX.123, and "AAR & PPI Indices.pdf."

2. Rate and Resulting R/VC Calculation

Based on the procedures described above in Section II.A.1 of this Narrative, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Newland calculated variable costs and revenue-to-variable cost ratios by origin mine for Fourth Quarter 2004. Table II.A-1 summarizes the results for transportation from each of the mines used in Fourth Quarter 2004 to Laramie River. Exhibit II.A-1 provides totals by individual URCS cost component; the detailed calculations are provided in the workpapers.³⁹

**Table II.A-1
Revenue to Variable Cost Ratio Fourth Quarter 2004**

Origin Mine	Rate/Ton	Variable Cost/Ton	R/VC Ratio
Northern PRB			
Dry Fork	\$6.15	\$2.01	3.06
Eagle Butte	\$6.15	\$2.05	2.99
Central PRB			
Caballo Rojo	\$5.97	\$1.80	3.31
Cordero	\$5.97	\$1.76	3.39
Southern PRB			
Jacobs Ranch	\$5.69	\$1.61	3.53

Source: Exhibit II.A-1

³⁹ Electronic workpaper "BNSF MOBA OPEN PRG.123."

B. QUALITATIVE MARKET DOMINANCE

Under the Board's procedural rules, Complainants bear the burden on proof on qualitative market dominance.

C. OTHER: COMPLAINANTS' UNFOUNDED CLAIMS ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL REASONABLENESS OF THE RATE INCREASE THAT PRODUCED THE CHALLENGED RATES

Professor Joseph P. Kalt was asked by BNSF to evaluate and respond to various statements by Complainants in this proceeding and in other public settings, statements to the effect that common carrier rates BNSF recently established are commercially unreasonable because they represent a significant increase over pre-existing rates. Professor Kalt is the Ford Foundation Professor of International Political Economy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Professor Kalt's qualifications are described further in Section IV of this Narrative.

As discussed above, the complaint at issue here was filed in October 2004 by Western Fuels Association, Inc. ("WFA") and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("Basin Electric"), challenging the reasonableness of common carrier rates that are being charged by BNSF for transportation of coal from BNSF-served Powder River Basin ("PRB") origins in Wyoming to the Laramie River electric generating stations ("Laramie River") located near Moba, Wyoming. WFA procures coal for member electric utilities, including the negotiation of coal contracts and the purchase of transportation. Basin Electric, a member of WFA, is a cooperative that generates and transmits power to district cooperatives that distribute power to approximately 120 cooperative members in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Iowa. Laramie River is owned by Basin Electric (42.27%) in conjunction with five other partners and is operated on a day-to-day basis

by Basin Electric.⁴⁰ WFA obtains and pays for coal (including transportation) to Laramie River. In 2003, BNSF delivered approximately 8.3 million tons of coal to Laramie River.⁴¹

From 1984 until October 2004, BNSF provided transportation to deliver coal to Laramie River pursuant to a rail transportation contract. When that contract expired in October 2004 and negotiations regarding ongoing contract rates for transportation were unsuccessful, BNSF provided WFA with common carrier rates from Wyoming coal locations to Laramie River. It is these rates that WFA/Basin Electric are challenging before the STB.

Complainants have requested that the challenged rates be evaluated under the stand-alone cost test. Prior to filing their stand-alone cost evidence, however, Complainants have sought to create the appearance that as a commercial matter, the challenged rates are unreasonable and that BNSF has not acted in a commercially reasonable manner. The complaint itself alleges that BNSF's common carrier rates "impose draconian rate increases," that produced commercially unreasonable rates.⁴² Complainants convinced several members of Congress to send the Board a letter noting the "tremendous challenge" created by the rate increase.⁴³

⁴⁰ "Basin Electric General Media Kit," <http://www.basinelectric.com/Miscellaneous/assets/pdf/Mediakit/MediaKitWhole1.pdf>, April 12, 2004, at 2 and 14.

⁴¹ Docket 42088, *Western Fuels Association, Inc. and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, Verified Complaint, October 19, 2004, at ¶5.

⁴² *Id.* at ¶12; see also WFA press release, "Western Fuels, Basin Electric File STB Rate Complaint," October 25, 2004.

⁴³ March 14, 2005 letter to The Honorable Roger Nober from members of Congress.

Complainants have repeatedly complained that the challenged rates are not consistent with BNSF's costs, given the close proximity of Laramie River to the PRB mines.⁴⁴

BNSF has asked Professor Kalt to evaluate these claims regarding the commercial reasonableness of the rates at issue. While the Board will ultimately judge the reasonableness of the challenged rates under the *Coal Rate Guidelines*, it is important that the Board have an accurate view of the commercial background of the dispute. In examining the commercial setting for the rates at issue, Professor Kalt has examined the economic and marketplace conditions in which BNSF has established the challenged rates, including competitive conditions, the context in which the previous rates were established (*i.e.*, as part of a negotiated settlement to litigation), and the market setting for coal transportation.

Professor Kalt finds that the available evidence does not support Complainants' assertions that the challenged rates are commercially unreasonable. The fact that the rates at issue represent a significant increase over the prior contract rates does not have any commercial significance in this case since the pre-existing rates had been suppressed by the settlement that produced those rates. In addition, market conditions have changed substantially since the prior rates were set – today there are far greater demand and tighter rail capacity than in the early 1980s when the earlier rates were set. The challenged rates represent a move to rate levels that are more consistent with market conditions.

1. The Economic and Marketplace Context of BNSF's Rate Increase

Complainants' assertions about the commercial unreasonableness of the challenged rates focus on the fact that the challenged rates are a significant increase from the pre-

⁴⁴ "Basin Electric, WFA File Rate Case Against BNSF," *Platts Coal Outlook*, November 1, 2004.

existing rates under the contract that expired in October 2004. But several factors suggest that the prior rates did not represent market rates and that a rate increase was warranted by current market conditions. These market conditions include the increasing demand for PRB coal and constraints on existing rail capacity. The market in which the pre-existing rates were set was very different from the current market for PRB coal transportation. As a result, a comparison of the challenged rates to the pre-existing rates is not commercially meaningful. A number of factors indicate that current market conditions are consistent with increased rates.

a. Base Rates Under the 1984 Settlement

Prior to October 2004, BNSF provided transportation of coal to Laramie River under a confidential long-term contract. This contract, which went into effect on October 2, 1984, and was in force for 20 years, was the result of a settlement to an antitrust case brought by WFA against BN.⁴⁵ The suit claimed BN violated antitrust laws by exploiting a purported monopoly position in the PRB. As part of the settlement to that litigation, BN negotiated a 20-year contract to transport coal from mines in the PRB to Laramie River in Wyoming. WFA's acceptance of the settlement's base rates suggests that WFA received a favorable starting point for its coal contract in return for giving up its claim against BN.

Since the rates under the prior contract were the product of a litigation settlement, those rates are not relevant in assessing the commercial reasonableness of the newly established rates. The level of prior WFA contract rates certainly cannot be taken as an indicator of market conditions of supply and demand at the time the contract expired. In a situation in which an initial base rate is favorable to a shipper, *i.e.*, below-market condition rates, and the rate is

⁴⁵ Coal Transportation Contract between Burlington Northern Railroad Company and Western Fuels, Inc., September 28, 1984; "Burlington Northern Rail in Long-Term Coal Transport Pacts," Dow Jones News Service, October 1, 1984.

adjusted each year by an escalator that does not move rates up to market levels, rates can be expected to remain below market-determined levels. Thus, it can be expected that when a new rate is established, the new rate will move upward as the rate is recalibrated to current market conditions.

b. Escalation Clause

The 1984 contract between BN and WFA also provided a mechanism for carrying forward the base rates. {

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The shipper-favorable rates realized by WFA under the settlement contract are indicated by the data in Figure 1 (Exh. II.C-1). Basin Electric's rates declined over the 20-year period from { }⁴⁷ In inflation-adjusted terms, this represents a decrease of over { } in coal transportation rates. At the same time, railroad costs, as measured by the Rail Cost Adjustment Factor ("RCAF-U") as calculated by the Association of American Railroads, increased approximately 60%.⁴⁸ Given that Basin Electric has benefited from a very shipper-favorable rate adjustment mechanism, it is not surprising that in order to readjust rates back to marketplace levels, rate levels for rail transportation would increase.

⁴⁶ Coal Transportation Contract between Burlington Northern Railroad Company and Western Fuels, Inc., September 28, 1984, at 12.

⁴⁷ BNSF Rail Rate Data for Laramie River. {

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⁴⁸ AAR Railroad Cost Indexes, December 2004.

c. Basin Electric's Position in the Marketplace

The very shipper-favorable transportation rates realized under the settlement contract have been one of the factors contributing to Basin Electric's generally very positive financial performance. The { } led to a decline in rail rates and has contributed to the credits (rebates) that Basin Electric has provided to its coop members. These rebates have been substantial. In 2003, the rebate was \$50 million, essentially providing two months of free electric power to members. Over the past five years, the credits amounted to \$140 million. In the 2003 Basin Electric annual report, Basin Electric's CEO touts his company's strong performance: "I know of no other G&T [electricity generation and transmission company] that has revenue deferrals of \$150 million, to be in the position to reduce rates, and to have provided \$140 million in bill credits...there is no doubt; we are in good times."⁴⁹

Basin Electric's favorable position under the settlement contract's rates has also been reflected in the low production costs for electricity at Laramie River. Laramie River is notably a low-cost producer of electricity. As shown in Figure 2 (Exh. II.C-2), in 2003, Laramie River's costs were among the lowest among coal-fired plants in the nine-state area that Basin Electric serves.⁵⁰ Consistent with these low costs of power, the Laramie River plant is highly utilized and operates at near capacity. In 2003, the plant operated at around 90% capacity, which is very high by industry standards.⁵¹

⁴⁹ Basin Electric's 2003 Annual Report at 2.

⁵⁰ Basin Electric member cooperatives serve retail customers in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Iowa.

⁵¹ Platts PowerDat data.

Even with the upward adjustment in coal transportation rates that is reflected in the common carrier rates that are the subject of this proceeding, Basin Electric's costs are still notably low as compared to other coal-fired plants in the nine-state area served by Basin Electric. Figure 3 (Exh. II.C-3) shows the impact on Basin Electric of an increase in the rail rates paid to ship coal to Laramie River relative to the average of coal-fired power producers in this region. The increased rates are set at the level of BNSF's challenged common carrier rates. As Figure 3 indicates, the rise in rates to the new level continues to leave Laramie River well below the average of other power producers in the nine-state area that Basin Electric serves. Under these conditions, there is no reason to believe that BNSF's rate increase would make Basin Electric uncompetitive or otherwise cause Basin Electric to curtail coal usage and power production. In light of this evidence, Basin Electric's claims that a rise in BNSF's rates will make them somehow uncompetitive are unfounded; prior to the BNSF rate increase, Laramie River's costs were below the average of other coal-fired plants, and after the BNSF rate increase, Laramie River's costs will continue to be below average.

d. Demand for Powder River Basin Coal

Another factor that makes the increase in rail transportation rates unsurprising is growing demand and tight rail capacity for PRB coal. The situation in which BNSF's coal rates are now being established is much different than it was in 1984. Currently, market demand for PRB coal is strong and is expected to continue to grow. In the current market, one cause of continuing pressure on the demand for PRB coal is that utilities in midwestern and eastern states increasingly have been switching to low-sulfur coal produced in the PRB. This comes in response to Clean Air Act Amendments with more stringent emissions requirements that went into effect in 2000.

The increased penetration of PRB coal into electric power markets farther to the east has supported increased production for PRB coal. As shown in Figure 4 (Exh. II.C-4), the production of Wyoming coal has increased over 150% from the mid-1980s to 2003, with southern PRB coal increasing over 300%. Moreover, the increase in demand that is spurring PRB coal production shows no signs of abating. According to a recent U.S. government forecast, between 2003 and 2025 there will be a 270 million ton increase in annual production of Wyoming Powder River Basin coal.⁵²

Much of PRB coal moves out of the PRB on track over which Union Pacific Railroad (“UP”) and BNSF operate jointly. With the large and increasing volume of coal that is being transported through the southern PRB – over the same lines used to provide transportation for Laramie River’s coal – capacity expansions have not kept pace with increased demand. On the line that runs south out of the PRB, capacity has been tight and scheduling conflicts have arisen.⁵³

Over the last decade, BNSF has invested heavily in tracks, terminal capacity, train sets, and locomotives in order to serve the increased demand. Since 1994, BNSF has invested \$2.2 billion to increase its coal-carrying capacity.⁵⁴ As an example, the original Orin line, which runs north-south through the PRB, was constructed in 1979 as a single track. From 1994 to 1999, 38.7 miles of double track and 46 miles of triple track were constructed. Projects to

⁵² Energy Information Administration, *Energy Outlook 2005*, Supplemental Table 111.

⁵³ See, for example, Energy Information Administration, *Annual Coal Report 2001*, at 3-4; “Capacity Issues and Trends in the PRB,” *Platts Coal Outlook*, November 17, 2003; “PRB Demand Boosts Railroad Outlooks, Pressures on Train Capacity,” *Platts Coal Outlook*, February 28, 2005; and “Grand River Dam Authority,” *Platts Coal Outlook*, November 8, 2004.

⁵⁴ See comments of Matt Rose, BNSF CEO, “This Capacity Crunch May Not Be the Last,” *Railway Age*, September 1, 2004.

upgrade this heavily utilized line have continued: In October 2004, another 8.3-mile section of a third main line track was added from Walker to Shawnee Junction.⁵⁵

Despite these investments, track expansion has not been able to keep pace with the very rapid growth in demand for PRB coal. Coal produced in mines in the southern PRB along the track that is jointly operated over by BNSF and UP has increased by a factor of four, while track miles have increased by less than a factor of two.⁵⁶ As a result, capacity in the PRB has become considerably tighter in recent years than it was at the time the settlement contract with WFA was originally signed in 1984.

Economically, this tightness in capacity has implications for the rates that BNSF charges to move coal through the PRB. Tight supply of capacity relative to demand is one of the factors that influence prices in any market. As capacity tightens, it can cost more to supply additional units of a product. In the railroad context, these additional costs at the margin tend to include adding new tracks, upgrading current tracks to carry heavier trains, installing additional sidings to accommodate more trains, installing more advanced signaling equipment, purchasing additional locomotives, etc.⁵⁷

The rates that are charged for coal transportation in 2004 need to reflect the realities of the marketplace setting for the movement of PRB coal, a marketplace setting that is quite different from the less-congested conditions that existed around the time that the earlier contract was signed. Thus, given the additional congestion that has developed since 1984, it is

⁵⁵ See "Section of Third Main Line Track in Wyoming Cutover Today," BNSF Press Release, October 27, 2004. The press release notes that another 5.8 miles of triple track will be coming on line in early 2005.

⁵⁶ In 1984, there were 181 running track miles on the Orin line. By 2004, this had increased to 304.

⁵⁷ See June 23, 2004 letter to The Honorable Roger Nober from Matt Rose.

not surprising that rates would rise as they come out from under a long-term contract that had become out of step with market conditions. In such situations, proper public policy allows railroads to serve the public interest in providing efficient transportation for a high demand commodity with notably tight capacity. It is the role of prices to bring supply and demand back into balance. With accurate price signals, supply and demand will be brought back into balance through two channels: first, higher prices dampen demand and allow the customers who value the transportation of PRB coal the most to use the network's constrained capacity; and second, higher prices provide railroads with the means to make additional capital investments in PRB infrastructure and thereby expand the ability of the rail network to carry additional traffic.

In short, Professor Kalt finds that, because the prior rates were determined by a settlement to litigation, because of the rates' notably favorable escalation clause, and because of the tight market conditions in the PRB, the rates under which coal previously was transported were extremely favorable to Complainants. Given these factors, from a commercial standpoint, it would be expected that commercial considerations would lead to higher rates upon expiry of the WFA-BN settlement contract. At the very least, because the prior rates were not determined by supply and demand conditions, we cannot conclude anything about the commercial reasonableness of the current common carrier rates based on a dollar or percentage comparison to the previous rates. Complainants' assertions to the effect that the rate increase under BNSF's common carrier rates was dramatic and commercially unreasonable are not supported by the evidence.

IV: Witness Qualifications
and Verifications

IV. WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS AND VERIFICATION

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B. Scott Castleberry is BNSF Railway Company's Director, Regulatory Costs. His business address is 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830. Since joining BNSF (then the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe) in 1991, Mr. Castleberry has held a variety of positions including Manager -- Measurement and Profitability Systems, Manager -- Operations Budget, and Senior Manager -- Performance Measurement. Through these positions, Mr. Castleberry has first-hand knowledge and familiarity with many of BNSF's data and performance measurement systems. Mr. Castleberry holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree from University of Oklahoma and a Master of Science in Management degree from Baker University.

Mr. Castleberry is sponsoring evidence relating to BNSF's variable costs for the issue movement. Specifically, Mr. Castleberry is sponsoring evidence relating to the operating characteristics of the Laramie River trains and BNSF's fuel consumption data. His evidence is incorporated in Section II.A of the Narrative. Mr. Castleberry has signed a verification of the truth of the statements contained therein. A copy of Mr. Castleberry's verification is attached hereto.

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Opening Evidence that I have sponsored, as described in the foregoing Statement of Qualifications, and that the contents thereof are true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to sponsor this testimony.

Executed on April 14, 2005


B. Scott Castleberry

B. Benton V. Fisher

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Mr. Fisher is sponsoring evidence relating to BNSF's variable costs for the issue movement. His evidence is incorporated in Section II.A of the Narrative. Mr. Fisher has signed a verification of the truth of the statements contained therein. A copy of Mr. Fisher's verification is attached hereto.

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Opening Evidence that I have sponsored, as described in the foregoing Statement of Qualifications, and that the contents thereof are true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to sponsor this testimony.

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Professor Kalt is sponsoring evidence relating to the commercial reasonableness of the common carrier rate for the issue movement. His evidence is incorporated in Section II.C. of the Narrative. Professor Kalt has signed a verification of the truth of the statements contained therein. A copy of Professor Kalt's verification is attached hereto.

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Member, Standing Committee on Higher Degrees in Political Economy and Government, 2002 - present

Faculty Chair, Interfaculty Initiative, Harvard University Native American Program, 2000 - present

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Chair, Economics and Quantitative Methods Cluster, 1995 - 2000

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LEXECON INC, AN FTI COMPANY (AND PREDECESSOR CONSULTING ENTERPRISES)

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Associate Professor of Economics, 1983 - 1986

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"The Ideological Behavior of Legislators," Stanford University Conference on the Political Economy of Public Policy, March 1984.

"Principal-Agent Slack in the Theory of Bureaucratic Behavior," Columbia University Center for Law and Economic Studies, 1984.

"The Political Power of the Underground Coal Industry," FTC Conference on the Strategic Use of Regulation, March 1984.

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OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Board of Trustees, The Communications Institute, 2003 - present

Board of Trustees, Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, 2000 - present

Mediator (with Keith G. Allred), Nez Perce Tribe and the North Central Idaho Jurisdictional Alliance, MOU signed December 2002

Mediator, *In the Matter of the White Mountain Apache Tribe v. United States Fish and Wildlife Service*, re: endangered species management authority, May - December, 1994

Steering Committee, National Park Service, 75th Anniversary Symposium, 1991 - 1993

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Board of Trustees, Foundation for American Communications, 1989 - 2003

Editorial Board, *Economic Inquiry*, 1988 - 2002

Advisory Committee, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Energy Division, 1987 - 1989

Commissioner, President's Aviation Safety Commission, 1987 - 1988

Principal Lecturer in the Program of Economics for Journalists, Foundation for American Communications, teaching economic principles to working journalists in the broadcast and print media, 1979 - present

Lecturer in the Economics Institute for Federal Administrative Law Judges, University of Miami School of Law, 1983 - 1991

Research Fellow, Energy and Environmental Policy Center, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 1981 - 1987

Editorial Board, MIT Press Series on *Regulation of Economic Activity*, 1984 - 1992

Research Advisory Committee, American Enterprise Institute, 1979 - 1985

Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 1979 - 1984

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *Bell Journal of Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Science Magazine*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, MIT Press, North-Holland Press, Harvard University Press, *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Native Americans in the 21st Century: Nation Building I & II (University-wide, graduate and undergraduate); Introduction to Environment and Natural Resource Policy (Graduate, Kennedy School of Government); Seminar in Positive Political Economy (Graduate, Kennedy School of Government); Intermediate Microeconomics for Public Policy (Graduate, Kennedy School of Government); Natural Resources and Public Lands Policy (Graduate, Kennedy School of Government); Economics of Regulation and Antitrust (Graduate); Economics of Regulation (Undergraduate); Introduction to Energy and Environmental Policy (Graduate, Kennedy School of Government); Graduate Seminar in Industrial Organization and Regulation; Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate); Principles of Economics (Undergraduate); Seminar in Energy and Environmental Policy (Graduate, Kennedy School of Government)

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Allyn Young Prize for Excellence in the Teaching of the Principles of Economics, Harvard University, 1978 - 1979 and 1979 - 1980

Chancellor's Intern Fellowship in Economics, September 1973 to July 1978, one of two awarded in 1973, University of California, Los Angeles

Smith-Richardson Dissertation Fellowship in Political Economy, Foundation for Research in Economics and Education, June 1977 to September 1977, UCLA

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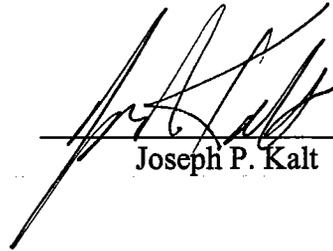
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I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Opening Evidence that I have sponsored, as described in the foregoing Statement of Qualifications, and that the contents thereof are true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to sponsor this testimony.

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Ms. Newland holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Furman University, graduating *cum laude*. She has also received a Masters of Science degree in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and has also completed extensive econometric coursework at the doctoral level, covering such topics as measure-theoretic probability, statistical theory, and applied econometrics. Since joining FTI in 2001, Ms Newland has performed economic and financial consulting services to regulated and newly deregulated industries, including the transportation and postal sectors. Her focus is on costing and statistical analyses in support of expert testimony within regulatory proceedings, and she has assisted in the preparation of expert testimony in proceedings before the Surface Transportation Board and the Postal Rate Commission.

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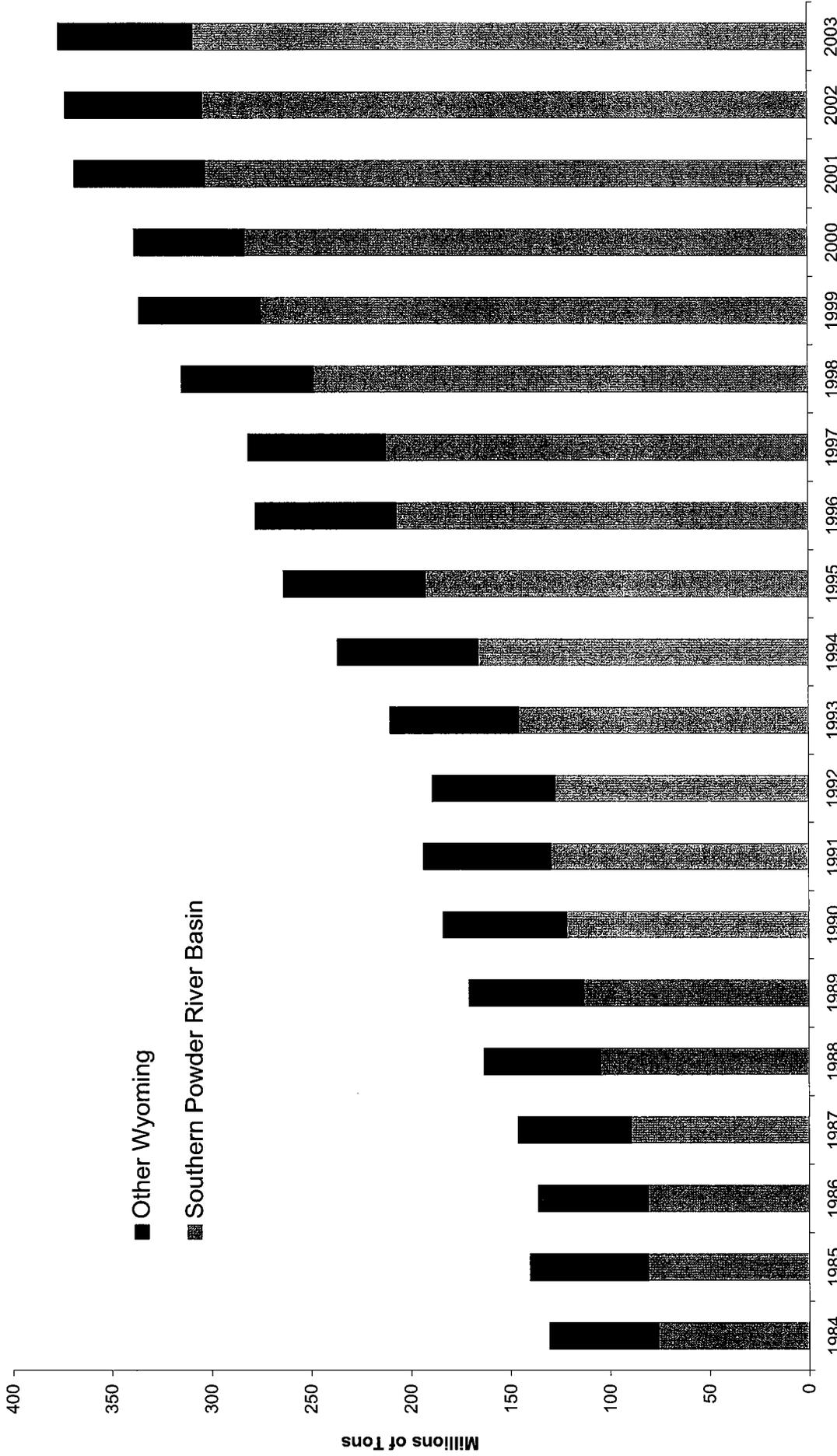
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Notes: Variable production costs include fuel costs and variable operations and maintenance costs. Plants above are all coal-fired plants in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and New Mexico, excluding dual-fuel plants and plants with capacity factors less than 50%.
Source: Platts PowerDat Data for 2003.

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Coal Production In The Southern Powder River Basin And The Rest Of Wyoming 1984 - 2003



Note: The Southern Powder River Basin mines consist of mines located on the BNSF-UP jointly served rail line.
Source: Wyoming Mining Association.