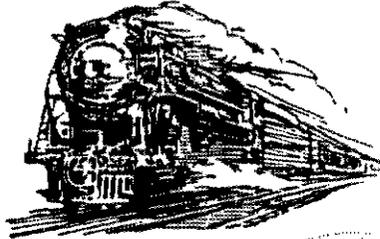


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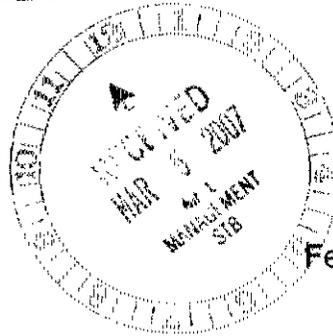


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Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Protest Of STB Finance Docket No. 34979 (copy attached).

Please accept this as a **protest** in connection with the Locomotive Engineers of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated, represented by this BLET General Committee, in regard to the above referenced finance docket.

In our opinion, the above referenced finance docket seems to be only concerned with expediting transfers between BNSF Corwith and NS Ashland Ave over 2.5 miles of GTW Track in the State of Illinois.

The concern of this BLET / GTW General Committee is our Elsdon industrial switching assignment, which is referred to as the "Elsdon 510 Assignment".

Our Elsdon 510 Assignment performs industrial work in the immediate area of the proposed trackage rights proposal / Finance Docket No. 34979.

We can only surmise that the BNSF Corwith is (the last we knew) an all intermodal type of yard.

Therefore, we can only surmise that the attached finance docket deals with the idea of BNSF and NS jointly running their own pig trains (TOFC-COFC) via Chicago interchange in order to expedite transfers between BNSF Corwith and NS Ashland Ave over 2.5 miles of GTW track.

Even though we know absolutely nothing about the business plans of the mentioned railroads (BNSF&NS) in the proposed area, we can't really see the attached finance docket being used by these railroad companies to go after a couple of industries served by GTW Assignment #510. ***But then again, who knows?!***

In conclusion, in the event of even the slimmest of possibilities that the above referenced (and attached) finance docket would allow or facilitate BNSF or NS to go after (capture) the work of our GTW / Elsdon Assignment #510 (or any other GTW assignment), we hereby lodge an objection. Therefore, please accept this pleading as this General Committees objection / protest against the approval of Finance Docket No. 34979.

Sincerely,



J. M. Karakian
General Chairman, BLET / GTW

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34977]

BNSF Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Illinois Central Railroad Company

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement dated December 18, 2006, Illinois Central Railroad Company (CN) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to BNSF Railway Company (BNSF): (1) On CN's Centralia Subdivision, extending between the connection with BNSF trackage at or near CN's milepost 252.5 in Centralia, IL, and, on CN's Fulton Subdivision, the connection with BNSF trackage at or near CN's milepost 392.3 in Memphis, TN;¹ and (2) on CN's Bluford Subdivision, extending between the connection with Paducah and Illinois Railroad Company and Paducah and Louisville Railway Inc. trackage at or near CN's milepost 0.2 in Chiles Junction, KY, and CN's milepost 2.2 in Maxon, KY, respectively, and, on CN's Fulton Subdivision, the connection with BNSF at or near CN's milepost 392.3 in Memphis, TN, a distance of approximately 437 miles, all within the states of IL, TN and KY.²

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on March 1, 2007.³

The purpose of the trackage rights is to facilitate the movement of traffic between (1) Centralia, IL, and Memphis, TN, (2) Maxon, KY, and Memphis, TN, and (3) Chiles Junction, KY, and Memphis, TN. BNSF will operate its own trains with its own crews over the lines.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978)*, as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980)*.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If the notice contains false

¹ Trackage rights extending between milepost 387.91 and milepost 389.98 on CN's Fulton Subdivision are excluded because that segment of track is owned and operated by CSXT Transportation, Inc.

² A redacted version of the trackage rights agreement between CN and BNSF was filed with the notice of exemption. The full version of the agreement, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), was concurrently filed under seal along with a motion for protective order. The motion is being addressed in a separate decision.

³ The trackage rights agreement provides for an initial term of 20 years from December 18, 2006, and that BNSF shall have the right to terminate the agreement upon advising CN 60 days in advance by written notice. The parties must seek appropriate Board authority for the trackage rights to expire.

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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by February 22, 2007 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34977, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Sidney L. Strickland Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "www.stb.dot.gov."

Decided: February 6, 2007.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34979]

BNSF Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement dated December 18, 2006, Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (CN) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) over a line of railroad known as CN's Elsdon Subdivision extending between the connection with Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) trackage at or near CN's milepost 8.5 and the connection with NS at the west end of CN's Fence Track at or near CN's milepost 6.1, a distance of approximately 2.4 miles, all within the State of Illinois.¹

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on March 1, 2007.²

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The purpose of the trackage rights is the movement of specific traffic between Corwith, IL, and Railport, IL. BNSF will operate its own trains with its own crews over the line.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978)*, as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980)*.

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Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Notice 06-109

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information

written notices. The parties must seek appropriate Board authority for the trackage rights to expire.