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## VIA E-FILING

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company – Change in Operators Exemption  
– North Coast Railroad Authority, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District  
and Northwestern Pacific Railway Co., LLC,  
Finance Docket No. 35073**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On August 9, 2007, Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company (“NWPCO”) filed a change of operator notice of exemption (“notice”) pursuant to which NWPCO would replace the Northwestern Pacific Railway Co., LLC as the common carrier operator of certain lines in California. At numbered page 6 of the notice, NWPCO stated as follows: “Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.32(b), NWPCO will give notice of the proposed transaction to affected shippers concurrently with the filing of this class exemption.”

By this letter filing, NWPCO hereby advises the Board that it has complied with its shipper notification obligation under section 1150.32(b) in accordance with the above-quoted statement contained in its notice. In short, shippers on the subject line have been notified of the proposed transaction.

If there are any questions about this matter, please contact me directly, either by telephone: (202) 663-7824 or by email: [rwimbish@bakerandmiller.com](mailto:rwimbish@bakerandmiller.com).

Respectfully submitted,



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