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Ms. Cynthia Brown Chief, Section of Administration Office of Proceedings Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, SW Washington, DC 20423-0001 ENTERED Office of Proceedings May 9, 2014 Part of Public Record

### Re: STB Ex Parte No. 724 (Sub-No.1), United States Rail Service Issues

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for electronic filing in the above captioned proceeding is the third Weekly Report of BNSF in response to the Board's Orders of April 15 and 23, 2014. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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## BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

#### STB EX PARTE NO. 724 (Sub-No. 1)

#### **UNITED STATES RAIL SERVICE ISSUES**

## WEEKLY REPORT OF BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") provides the following third weekly status report in response to the Board's Orders of April 15 and 23, 2014 in the above referenced docket. In those orders, the Board directed BNSF to report our plans for ensuring the timely delivery of critical fertilizer shipments necessary to support spring planting and provide weekly reporting against that plan through May 30, 2014.

BNSF continues to perform well against our Six-Week Fertilizer Campaign that we described in our April 16, 2014 response to the Board. That plan called for delivery of 52 trainloads of fertilizer over a six-week period in BNSF-direct unit train service. As of the morning of Thursday, May 8, BNSF has originated 38 trainloads of fertilizer since the Six-Week Fertilizer Campaign was implemented on April 12, 2014. Of those 38 originated trains, 32 have been delivered to their ultimate destination for unloading. That progress against our 52-trainload goal is reflected in Attachment A to this report, which is updated to show the originations and deliveries to date, with a state-by-state breakdown. We also continue to move individual carloads of fertilizer in manifest service, and have handled an additional 13 fertilizer trainloads that we receive in interline service for delivery on BNSF's network since April 12. We have

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included updated miles-per-day velocity metrics in Attachment A to provide the Board with insights into how all fertilizer shipments are moving across our network.

BNSF continues to put resources up against our Six-Week Fertilizer Campaign in order to maximize deliveries of plant nutrients into the market place during the critical growing season, which is reflected in this week's report. We will continue to provide weekly updates pursuant to the Board's April 15<sup>th</sup> order.

Respectfully submitted,

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# 2014 Unit Fertilizer Train Campaign Update

<u>Destination</u> <u>State</u>	Trains Loaded Thru 05/07	Trains Delivered Thru 05/07	<u>Trains Delivered</u> <u>Thru 04/30</u>	<u>Trains Delivered</u> <u>Thru 04/23</u>
IA	2	1	1	1
MN	3	2	2	0
MO	1	1	1	1
MT	3	2	2	0
ND	8	7	4	1
NE	1	1	1	1
SD	16	15	12	7
TX	4	3	3	2
Total	38	32	26	13
Goal	52	52	52	52
Trains Remaining	(14)	(20)	(26)	(39)
Percent Complete	73.1%	61.5%	50.0%	25.0%

Fertilizer Shipment Velocity 160 143.1 140 133.4 127 120 111.1 103.6 100 92 Miles per Day 84.3 80 60 40 20 0 2013-Q1 2013-Q2 2013-Q3 2013-Q4 2014-Q1 2014-Q2\* 7d Avg.

Miles Per Day Six-Week Goal
\*Quarter-to-Date through 05/07/2014

