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The Honorable Daniel Elliott, Chairman The Honorable Ann Begeman, Vice Chairman The Honorable Debra Miller, Commissioner United States Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Members of the Board:

I write to provide you with our biweekly update on BNSF's network performance and the status of our hiring, capital and service goals. This letter follows our May 21, 2014 update and reflects performance through May 30.

Overall Service Performance:

During the month of May, BNSF has continued to make progress against our annual and quarterly goals for capital investment, locomotive and car acquisitions, and hiring, which we view as key to achieving and maintaining consistency in our service across our entire network. As reflected in the information we are sharing with our customers, BNSF is continuing to transport significant volumes. BNSF moved more volumes in each of the AAR reporting weeks 10 through 22 in 2014 than we did in 2013; over that same 13-week period, BNSF moved 148,000 more units in 2014 than we did in 2013. In four of the last six AAR reporting weeks (which included reduced holiday volumes for the Memorial Day weekend), BNSF has moved more than 200,000 units despite the issues that continue to impact velocity on parts of our network. As described in our final report last week, BNSF exceeded our Six-Week Fertilizer Campaign goal of 52 trainloads, originating 57 trainloads and delivering 56 trainloads to their ultimate destination for unloading through May 28, 2014. While we are proud of these achievements, as discussed below, we still have progress to make before we meet the velocity and reliability needs of our customer base in all areas of our network.

Review of Service Metrics:

Attached please find the updated metrics through last week. As you can see, while we have not reached the goal for dwell hours, the overall terminal dwell during the month of May as reported to the AAR has consistently been lower than the baseline from early February. We have seen a comparable trend in all three of our operating regions, with consistent strong performance compared to the regional baselines from early February. We are not seeing the same progress in overall or region-specific train speeds. Network-wide train speed has remained relatively

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consistent with the early February baseline, as it has for the North and South regions; the Central region has experienced train speeds below the baseline.

We maintained our improvements against the February baseline on coal deliveries and intermodal system transit days during May, but remain below the goal for the second quarter of 2014 that we set earlier in the year. We have seen an increase in average days late for agricultural past due cars since our last report. However, we have seen a sizeable reduction of 1,831 cars in the total number of agricultural past due cars —an 11% reduction since our last reporting period. In addition, we are transporting large volumes of agricultural commodities as detailed above and that is important. We committed to our customers that we will reduce the number of past-due cars and get current with existing orders, and this progress reflects the resources we are putting against that commitment. We expect to maintain this progress as we move grain hoppers being released as we finish out certificate commitments into the non-shuttle network in the next month.

Amtrak:

A lingering effect of record cold temps from this past winter, frost was driven to record or near record depths. As the roadbed has transitioned with frost coming out of the ground, it has negatively impacted road bed stabilization on three of our subdivisions. Given the impacts to Amtrak this causes, we worked with their representatives in the last week on a short term plan to suspend service between Minot and Minneapolis. As these conditions improve, and they will, we will work with Amtrak to reinstate this service as quickly as possible. Dependent upon roadbed stabilization, the tentative plan starting Friday, June 6 is to operate Amtrak eastbound via the normal route over the Devils Lake Subdivision and westbound via the KO Subdivision.

Conclusion:

We will continue to update the Board with these measures on a biweekly basis, and participate in weekly calls with STB staff, as a supplement to our ongoing communications campaign with our customers to provide up-to-date information. We invite the Commissioners and Board staff to visit our Service Overview webpage (<u>http://www.bnsf.com/customers/service-page/index.html</u>), which collects all our ongoing communications in one place for easy access by our customers.

Sincerely,

Carl R. Ice President & CEO

Attachments



BNSF Dashboard Service Metrics

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Data Source: AAR Units (excludes Fertilizer & Ethanol, includes Food Products)





Data through May 30, 2014

North Dakota Ag Past Due Cars



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Capacity	Current Period (YTD 5/30)	1,344	1,436	191	749	\$ 182*	\$ 682*
to Add	Prior Period (YTD 5/16)	1,191	1,418	169	705	\$ 182*	\$ 682*
Actions	YTD Q2 Goal	1,750	1,500	237	1,750	\$ 360	\$ 1,090
g-Term	Annual Goal	3,000	2,000	500	5,000	906 \$	\$ 2,300
BNSF Long-Term Actions to Add Capacity	\$ Millions	<u>People Hiring</u> TY&E	Eng & Mech	Locomotive Acquisitions	Car – Acquisitions, Replacements & Extensions	Expansion Capital	Replacement & Maint Capital

* YTD 5/16 and YTD 5/30 represents YTD through April 2014.

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