

transaction will have a positive effect on the adequacy of transportation to the public and will result in no increase in fixed charges and no changes in employment. *See* 49 CFR 1182.2(a)(7). Additional information may be obtained from applicant's representative.

On the basis of the application, we find that the proposed acquisition and merger are consistent with the public interest and should be authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, this finding will be deemed vacated and, unless a final decision can be made on the record as developed, a procedural schedule will be adopted to reconsider the application. *See* 49 CFR 1182.6(c). If no opposing comments are filed by the expiration of the comment period, this decision will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

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This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

#### *It Is Ordered*

1. The proposed acquisition and merger is approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.

2. If timely opposing comments are filed, the findings made in this decision will be deemed vacated.

3. This decision will be effective on January 8, 2001, unless timely opposing comments are filed.

4. A copy of this notice will be served on: (1) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration—HMCE—20, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024; (2) the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530; and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: November 15, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33948  
(Sub-No. 1)]

#### **Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts the trackage rights described in STB Finance Docket No. 33948<sup>1</sup> to permit the trackage rights to expire on February 15, 2001, in accordance with the agreement of the parties.

**DATES:** This exemption will be effective on December 22, 2000. Petitions to reopen must be filed by December 12, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33948 (Sub-No. 1) must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative, Robert T. Opal, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph H. Dettmar (202) 565-1600. (TDD for the hearing impaired 1-800-877-8339.)

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Da-To-Da Office Solutions, Suite 210, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services 1-800-877-8339.)

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<sup>1</sup> On October 13, 2000, the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed a notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). The notice covered the agreement by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to UP over 235 miles of BNSF's rail line between BNSF milepost 885.2 near Bakersfield, CA, and BNSF milepost 1120.54 near Stockton, CA. *See Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33948 (STB served Oct. 26, 2000). The trackage rights agreement is scheduled to expire February 15, 2001. The trackage rights operations under the exemption were scheduled to be consummated on October 20, 2000.

Decided: November 14, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33961]

#### **City of Yelm, WA—Acquisition Exemption—Line of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company**

The City of Yelm, Washington (the City), a municipality of the State of Washington, a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire approximately 4.57 miles of rail line known as the Prairie Line<sup>1</sup> from The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) between milepost 20.99 near Roy, WA, and milepost 25.56 near Yelm, WA, in Pierce and Thurston Counties, WA. The City certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on or shortly after November 16, 2000.<sup>2</sup>

If the notice contains false 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33961, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Stephen L. Day, 1215—4th Avenue, Suite 800, Seattle, WA 98161-1090.

<sup>1</sup> The City states that it is its intent to have the above line operated by a yet-to-be-determined third party rail operator. The City further states that the line will be temporarily embargoed pending line maintenance and selection of an operator in the near future.

<sup>2</sup> The City reported that it intended to consummate the transaction on or before November 16, 2000 (emphasis added). The earliest the transaction can be consummated is November 16, 2000, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed). The City's representative has been notified and has confirmed that consummation would not take place before November 16, 2000.

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Decided: November 15, 2000.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date, time, and location for the first meeting of the renewed term of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations (COAC), and the provisional agenda for consideration by the Committee.

**DATES:** The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on Friday, December 1, 2000 at 9 a.m. at the Department of the Treasury, Secretary's Conference Room (Rm. 3327), located at 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The duration of the meeting will be approximately four hours, starting at 9 a.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John P. Simpson, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff and Trade Enforcement), Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement), telephone—(202) 622-0230.

At this meeting, the Advisory Committee is expected to pursue the following agenda. The agenda may be modified prior to the meeting.

#### Agenda

(1) Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF) (Legislative Principles and Conditions for Renewal of MPF)

(2) Office of Regulations and Rulings (OR&R) (Proposed Prototype for 3rd Party (HQ) Rulings)

(3) Compliance Assessment Team (CAT): (Status of Discussions Between the Trade and Customs on Issues Raised by the Subcommittee's Position Paper)

(4) Treasury Study on Customs Data and Record Keeping Requirements

(5) Current or Proposed Customs Programs (Publication of 592 Violators; Entry Revisions Project "ERP-2"; Resource Allocation Model "RAM"; Post Entry Amendment Process "PEAP"; Importer Compliance

Measurement Project "ICMP"; Commissioner's Trade Symposium Proposals)

(6) G-7 Customs Automated Reporting Standardization and Simplification Initiative

(7) Future Meeting Dates and Venues for 7th Term

(8). Agenda Items for Next Meeting

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public; however, participation in the Committee's deliberations is limited to Committee members, Customs and Treasury Department staff, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. A person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting should contact Theresa Manning at (202) 622-0220 or Helen Belt at (202) 622-0230 for pre-clearance.

Dated: November 16, 2000.

**Timothy E. Skud,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary  
(Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade Enforcement).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Payments to Persons Who Hold Certain Categories of Judgments Against Cuba or Iran

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury; Office of Foreign Assets Control.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice specifies the procedures necessary for persons to establish eligibility for payments authorized by section 2002 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (Act), Public Law No. 106-386 ("Section 2002"). Section 2002 directs the Secretary of the Treasury to make payments to persons who hold certain categories of judgments against Cuba or Iran in suits brought under 28 U.S.C. 1605(a)(7).

**DATES:** This Notice is effective November 20, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions regarding submission of applications, Rochelle E. Stern, Transactions Analysis Officer, Office of Foreign Assets Control. For legal questions, Brett D. Barkey, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control). Both individuals can be reached at 202-622-2671 (not a toll free call).

### Part 1. Availability of Funds

Section 2002 specifies the source and amount of funds available for the payments authorized by that Section. See section 2002(b). The Department of the Treasury will make a payment to an applicant promptly after determining (a) that an application for payment, containing all necessary information and documentation specified in Part 2 below, has been received by the Department of the Treasury, and (b) that sufficient funds are available from the sources identified in section 2002(b).

For purposes of funding payments in connection with judgments and sanctions against Cuba, section 2002 provides that the President shall vest and liquidate up to and not exceeding the amount of property of the Government of Cuba and sanctioned entities in the United States or any commonwealth, territory, or possession thereof that has been blocked pursuant to section 5(b) of the Trading with the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. App. 5(b)), sections 202 and 203 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1702), or any other proclamation, order, or regulation issued thereunder. It further provides that for the purposes of paying amounts for judicial sanctions, payment shall be made from funds or accounts subject to sanctions as of April 18, 2000, or from blocked assets of the Government of Cuba. See section 2002(b)(1).

For purposes of funding payments in connection with judgments against Iran, Section 2002 provides that the Department of the Treasury shall make payments from amounts paid and liquidated from (a) rental proceeds accrued on the date of the enactment of the Act from Iranian diplomatic and consular property located in the United States, and (b) funds not otherwise made available in an amount not to exceed the total of the amount in the Iran Foreign Military Sales Program account within the Foreign Military Sales Fund on the date of the enactment of the Act. See section 2002(b)(2). The amount of funds made available by (a), above, will be determined based in part on information provided by the Department of State. The amount of funds made available by (b), above, will be determined based on information provided by the Department of Defense.

### Part 2. Applications for Payment

Applications for payment under section 2002 must be sent to Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Annex, Second Floor,