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For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Jean Milam at (202) 493-0967.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Whetsel, OPS, (202) 366-4431 or Richard Huriaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda for this meeting of the THLPSSC will include:

1. A briefing and request for Committee comment on the conceptual

framework of the OPS five-year research and development program plan.

2. A briefing and request for advice on a possible rule change to the Operator Qualification Standard.

3. A briefing on the hazardous liquid annual report rulemaking.

The THLPSSC is a statutorily mandated advisory committee that advises RSPA/OPS on proposed safety standards for liquid pipelines. The advisory committee is constituted in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1). The committee consists of 15 members—five each representing government, industry, and the public. The THLPSSC is tasked with determining reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of proposed pipeline regulations.

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**Stacey L. Gerard,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34378]

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

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) on UP's Black Butte and Valley Subdivisions, between Klamath Falls, OR, at UP milepost 428.7, and Binney Junction (Marysville), CA, at UP milepost 141.9, a distance of approximately 285 miles.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> By amendment received on July 16, 2003, BNSF states that the reason there is a 1.8-mile difference between the milepost locations and the actual

The transaction was scheduled to become effective on July 16, 2003, and the authorization is scheduled to expire on August 15, 2003. The purpose of the temporary rights is to allow BNSF to bridge its train service while its main lines are out of service due to certain programmed track, roadbed, and structural maintenance.

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 by *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), *aff'd sub nom. Railway Labor Executives' Ass'n v. United States*, 675 F.2d 1248 (D.C. Cir. 1982).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). 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 stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34378, 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: Michael E. Roper, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, P.O. Box 961039, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0039.

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Decided: July 18, 2003.

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

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

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distance is that the railroad uses station mileposts to determine mileage. BNSF indicates that there frequently is a small distance between the station milepost and the actual location of the switch where the railroad enters or departs its trackage.