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RE: Docket No. NOR 42178, Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC – Ex Parte Petition for Emergency Service Order

Dear Ms. Brown,

BNSF respectfully submits the attached data for the week ending August 9, 2023 in accordance with the Board's June 23, 2023 decision in the above-referenced proceeding.

BNSF provides the following information to the Board related to BNSF's service.

Reporting Period

As indicated in previous reports, BNSF defines a week as running from each Thursday to Wednesday of the following week. For this report, the backward-looking data includes traffic moving between Thursday, August 2, 2023, and Wednesday, August 9, 2023 and the forward-looking data includes traffic expected to move between Thursday, August 10, 2023, and Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

Factors Impacting Capacity and Cycle Times

Cycle times for both loaded and empty trains in export service have continued to improve now that both have returned to routing over the Montana Rail Link after the reopening of the bridge that collapsed on June 24, 2023. BNSF will continue to monitor cycle times.

As noted last week, the strike-related impacts on available slot capacity at Westshore that impacted BNSF in July appear to have resolved. BNSF understands that late last week the union workers voted to ratify a new deal with the ports. As such, BNSF does not anticipate any further strike-related impacts.

Late last year, BNSF opened a new bridge in Sandpoint, Idaho for rail traffic crossing Lake Pend Oreille, part of the route that both loaded and empty export coal trains move across. The new Sandpoint bridge parallels the original bridge built in 1904. Since November, BNSF has run all rail traffic across the new bridge while crews performed maintenance on the original bridge. BNSF reopened the original Sandpoint bridge on August 6, 2023, greatly improving rail traffic flow through the region. With the two

bridges, trains now operate in both directions. BNSF began this project in 2019, understanding that the improved fluidity will be critical to address long-term growth and will allow BNSF to meet customer expectations for the next century or more. With improved fluidity, BNSF anticipates seeing improved cycles times for our export coal traffic.

Last week BNSF projected eight (8) NTEC export coal trains leaving Spring Creek Mine between August 3, 2023 and August 9, 2023; BNSF's actual traffic level for this period was 6 (six) NTEC export coal trains.

Efforts to Hire Additional Crews

As previously reported, BNSF continues to aggressively seek to add new employees in the Pacific Northwest and to incentivize relocation of employees from other parts of its network. BNSF has five (5) employees temporarily relocated to Everett, Washington. Nine (9) conductors have graduated from the Everett New Hire Program since the beginning of July. Nine (9) engineers have graduated Engineer Training in the month of July and have returned to the Everett crew base. At the time of this report, BNSF anticipates that an additional four (4) engineers will graduate from Engineer Training in September 2023. BNSF addressed new Canadian hours of service restrictions in its last three bi-weekly updates on crews. BNSF continues to review and adjust our hiring plan to ensure we have sufficient available crews to move traffic into Canada.

Efforts to Acquire Additional Trainsets

BNSF continues to monitor the number of trainsets in service to Westshore Terminal and evaluate whether adding additional trainsets will improve service levels to NTEC and BNSF's other export customers. As reported on June 30th, July 14th, and July 28th, based on current operating conditions BNSF does not believe that adding trainsets at this time will increase service levels to its export coal customers.

BNSF also continues to monitor the price of export coal and its impact on market demand for coal moving to Westshore Terminals for export. BNSF remains in close communication with our export customers in light of the changing export market conditions to understand forward looking demand and ensure BNSF has the resources required to meet that demand.

Sincerely,



Jill Rugema
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Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on August 11, 2023, I served copies of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding.



Jill Rugema

NTEC *Ex Parte* Pet. For Emergency Svc. Order (NOR 42178)

Reporting Period: 8/3/2023 through 8/9/2023



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NTEC Trains from Spring Creek Mine to Westshore Terminals August 3, 2023 through August 9, 2023

STCC_NUMBER	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SHPR_633	WB_DT	TRAIN_ID	TONS
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The following information was obtained from the review of the records of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, regarding the activities of the American Medical Association, American Hospital Association, American Nurses' Association, American Dental Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, American College of Surgeons, American College of Physicians, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Society of Anesthesiologists, American Society of Radiology, American Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Society of Ophthalmology, American Society of Podiatry, American Society of Plastic Surgeons, American Society of Public Health, American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, American Society of Urology, American Society of Virology, American Society of Microbiology, American Society of Pathology, American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Internal Medicine, American Society of Geriatrics, American Society of Aging, American Society of Gerontology, American Society of Geriatric Psychiatry, American Society of Geriatric Neurology, American Society of Geriatric Pediatrics, American Society of Geriatric Psychology, American Society of Geriatric Social Work, American Society of Geriatric Law, American Society of Geriatric Ethics, American Society of Geriatric History, American Society of Geriatric Literature, American Society of Geriatric Arts, American Society of Geriatric Music, American Society of Geriatric Dance, American Society of Geriatric Theater, American Society of Geriatric Film, American Society of Geriatric Television, American Society of Geriatric Radio, American Society of Geriatric Internet, American Society of Geriatric Mobile Devices, American Society of Geriatric Wearable Devices, American Society of Geriatric Smart Home Technology, American Society of Geriatric Artificial Intelligence, American Society of Geriatric Robotics, American Society of Geriatric Nanotechnology, American Society of Geriatric Biotechnology, American Society of Geriatric Space Exploration, American Society of Geriatric Mars Colonization, American Society of Geriatric Lunar Colonization, American Society of Geriatric Planetary Colonization, American Society of Geriatric Interplanetary Travel, American Society of Geriatric Galactic Exploration, American Society of Geriatric Cosmic Discovery, American Society of Geriatric Universal Expansion, American Society of Geriatric Infinite Possibilities.

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Other NTEC Traffic Originating at Spring Creek Mine August 3, 2023 through August 9, 2023

STCC_NUMBER	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SHPR_633	WB_DT	TRAIN_ID	TONS
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Non-NTEC Export Coal Traffic Moving to Westshore August 3, 2023 through August 9, 2023						
STCC_NUMBER	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SHPR_633*	WB_DT	TRAIN_ID	TONS

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Daily Trainsets Deployed from Spring Creek Mine August 3, 2023 through August 9, 2023				
Date	# of Trainsets Deployed			

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Everett, WA Available TY&E Crews

TY&E Available Crews

Change from Prior Period

