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Ms. Cynthia Brown, Chief
Section of Administration Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

**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 30, 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 24, 2023, and Wednesday, August 30, 2023 and the forward-looking data includes traffic expected to move between Thursday, August 31, 2023, and Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

Factors Impacting Capacity and Cycle Times

Last week BNSF discussed the impact of Canadian wildfires and an unplanned berth outage on BNSF's ability to unload trains at Westshore as well as residual impacts on BNSF's crew availability. As of the time of this report, the issues, along with their residual impacts on BNSF crews and operations, have resolved. While the prior-reported issues are no longer impacting BNSF operations, this week Westshore began receiving two additional foreign trains per day due to an outage at another export terminal in the area. This has created congestion at the terminal and reduced BNSF's available unloading slots at Westshore. BNSF understands the other export terminal is expected to return to full operations the middle of next week. As discussed previously, unloading delays at Westshore can have significant impacts on BNSF's available crew base. BNSF works closely with Westshore to understand any operational issues as they arise that impact available loading slots for BNSF. BNSF uses that information to ensure staffing levels are sufficient to meet anticipated traffic volumes and to minimize impacts on BNSF's customers.

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Last week BNSF projected seven (7) NTEC export coal trains leaving Spring Creek Mine between August 24, 2023 and August 30, 2023; BNSF's actual traffic level for this period was seven (7) NTEC export coal trains. As noted previously, BNSF projected moving twenty-nine (29) export coal trains from Spring Creek Mine in August, up from twenty-three (23) in July. Despite a number of impacts on operations throughout the month discussed in its reports, BNSF moved twenty-nine (29) NTEC export coal trains in August.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 1, 2023, I served copies of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding.



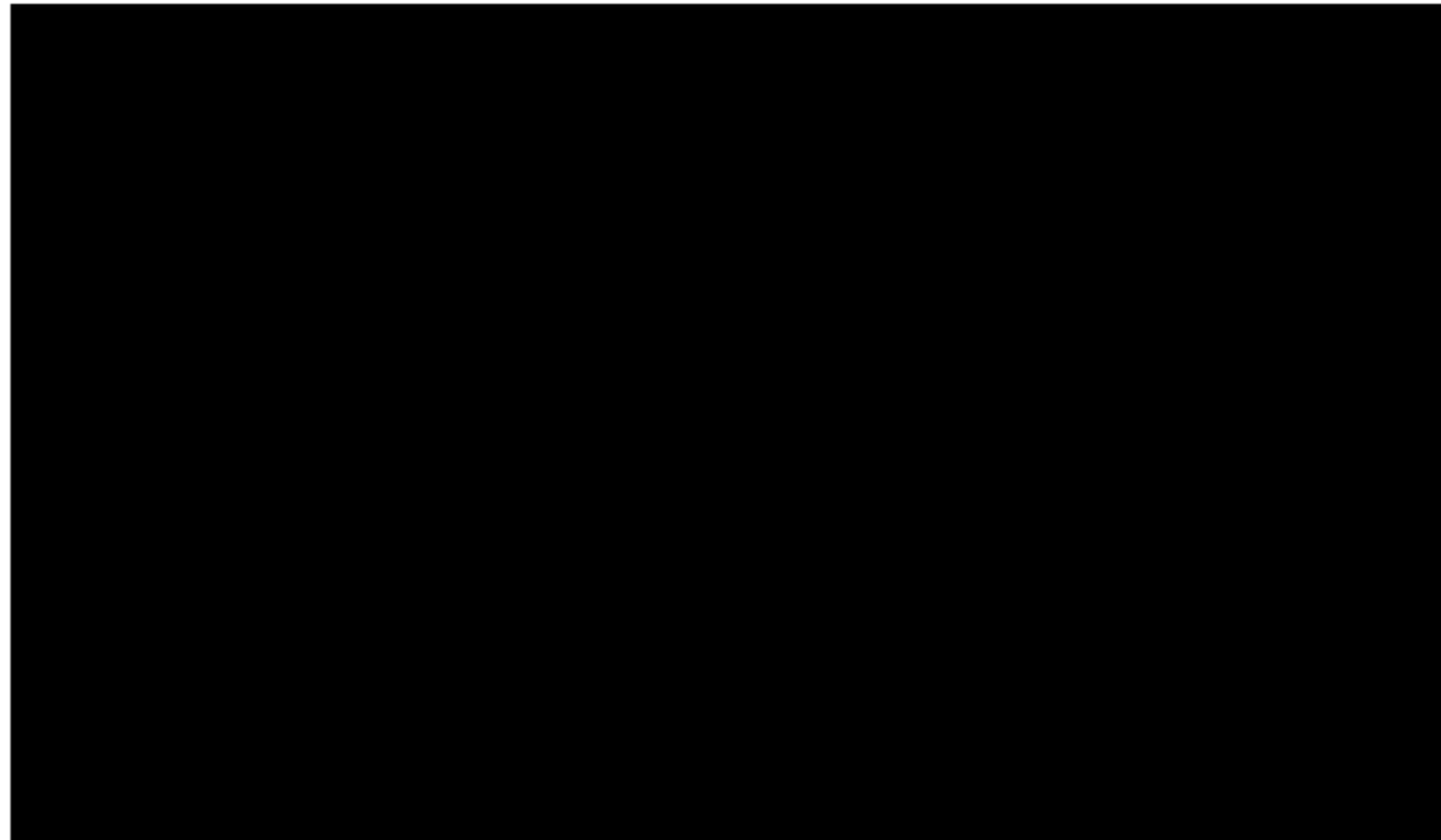
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NTEC *Ex Parte* Pet. For Emergency Svc. Order (NOR 42178)

Reporting Period: 8/24/2023 through 8/30/2023



NTEC Trains from Spring Creek Mine to Westshore Terminals August 24, 2023 through August 30, 2023						
STCC_NUMBER	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SHPR_633	WB_DT	TRAIN_ID	TONS

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Other NTEC Traffic Originating at Spring Creek Mine August 24, 2023 through August 30, 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 24, 2023 through August 30, 2023						
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Daily Trainsets Deployed from Spring Creek Mine Au	
Date	# of Trainsets Deployed
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