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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 September 13, 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, September 7, 2023, and Wednesday, September 13, 2023 and the forward-looking data includes traffic expected to move between Thursday, September 14, 2023, and Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Factors Impacting Capacity and Cycle Times

As reported last week, on August 29, 2023, Westshore experienced an outage of unloading equipment that has increased the amount of time it takes to unload a train. Westshore has not provided an estimate as to when the unloading equipment will be repaired and brought back online. BNSF has also previously reported that Westshore was receiving two additional Canadian trains per day that typically unload at another export terminal in the area due to an outage at that terminal. BNSF understands that the other export terminal returned to service on September 8, 2023, but Westshore continued to receive two additional trains per day due to the outage through September 12, 2023, in order to complete loading of a vessel that was at Westshore.

Both of these outages at third-party facilities continued to create congestion and reduced BNSF's available unloading slots going into Westshore over the last week. BNSF continues to navigate the impacts the unloading delays at Westshore have on BNSF's available crew base. Within the last week,

impacts on BNSF crew base have resulted in delays for BNSF in pulling empty trains from Westshore and also have resulted in delays for BNSF in returning empty trains to mines for loading. These delays, in turn, have increased cycle times for BNSF export coal traffic.

As BNSF has noted, BNSF works closely with Westshore to understand any operational issues that impact available loading slots for BNSF as they arise. BNSF uses that information to ensure staffing levels are sufficient to meet anticipated traffic volumes and to minimize impacts on BNSF's customers. BNSF is also in regular communication with NTEC about any operational issues at Westshore that may impact BNSF's ability to deliver export coal so that NTEC can work with Westshore to minimize impacts on NTEC's traffic moving into Westshore.

Last week BNSF projected seven (7) NTEC export coal trains leaving Spring Creek Mine between September 7, 2023 and September 13, 2023; BNSF's actual traffic level for this period was four (4) NTEC export coal trains.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 15, 2023, I served copies of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding.



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