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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 November 1, 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, October 26, 2023, and Wednesday, November 1, 2023, and the forward-looking data includes traffic expected to move between Thursday, November 2, 2023, and Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Factors Impacting Capacity and Cycle Times

As BNSF has discussed in recent reports, BNSF continues to work through the process of repairing railcars damaged by Westshore's unloading equipment before it was taken out of service on August 26, 2023. BNSF has been able to move some available railcars into export service to replace the damaged railcars and reduce the impact of the required repairs. BNSF will continue to look for opportunities to mitigate reduced train length until it is able to complete the repair of the railcars and put them back into service.

Last week BNSF projected four (4) NTEC export coal trains leaving Spring Creek Mine between October 26, 2023, and November 1, 2023; BNSF's actual traffic level for this period was three (3) 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. As previously reported, four (4) engineers graduated from Engineer Training in September 2023 and have joined the Everett crew base. BNSF has addressed new Canadian hours of service restrictions in its 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 the acquisition of new trainsets is necessary given service levels to NTEC and BNSF's other export customers and demand profiles. While newly acquired trainsets have not been added to BNSF's coal service, NTEC's average daily trainset usage for export coal has increased over the last several months through the addition of existing BNSF trainsets to the export coal lane.

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,



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Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on November 3, 2023, I served copies of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding.



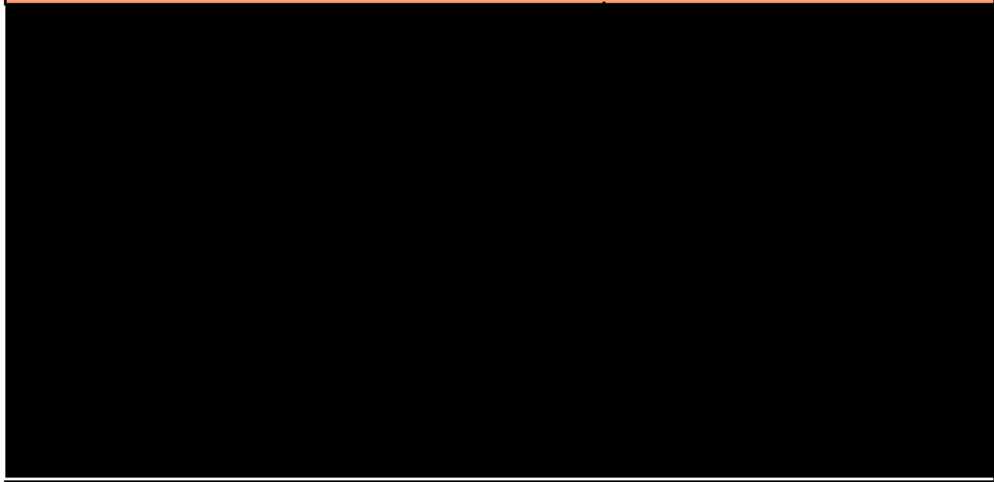
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NTEC *Ex Parte* Pet. For Emergency Svc. Order (NOR 42178)

Reporting Period: 10/26/2023 through 11/1/2023

Spring Creek Mine to Westshore

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Other NTEC Traffic Originating at Spring Creek Mine October 26, 2023 through November 1, 2023						
STCC_NUMBER	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SHPR_633	WB_DT	TRAIN_ID	TONS

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Non-NTEC Export Coal Traffic Moving to Westshore October 26, 2023 through November 1, 2023						
STCC_NUMBER	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SHPR_633*	WB_DT	TRAIN_ID	TONS

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Daily Trainsets Deployed from Spring Creek Mine October 26, 2023 through November 1, 2023				
Date	# of Trainsets Deployed			

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Everett, WA Available TY&E Crews

TY&E Available Crews Change from Prior Period

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