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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33389]

The Land Conservancy of Seattle and King County--Acquisition and Operation Exemption--

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Land Conservancy of Seattle and King County, a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate approximately 12.45 miles of rail line from The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company between milepost 7.30, near Redmond, and milepost 19.75, at Issaquah, in King County, WA.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after the April 22, 1997 effective date of the exemption.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding 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 automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33389, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case

Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Charles H. Montange, 426 NW 162d Street, Seattle, WA 98177.

Decided: April 23, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary