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NOTICE

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POWDER RIVER BASIN SITE VISIT

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On May 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2006, Board staff members will conduct an informational site visit to Powder River Basin rail facilities in Wyoming and Nebraska to examine and explore the engineering and operational considerations associated with transporting the unit-train coal traffic that originates in that area. The Board staff will be accompanied by participants from the Western Coal Traffic League, Arch Coal, Inc., BNSF Railway Company, and Union Pacific Railroad Company.

All written materials received by the Board on that site visit will be placed in the above-captioned docket for public inspection and review. The Board will issue a notice once these materials are available and will set a deadline for interested parties to submit comments on the materials.

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Secretary