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Re: *FD 34088-1* *204597*
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Notice of Exemption—Petition For Extension of Temporary Trackage Rights Expiration
STB Finance Docket No. 34088 (Sub No. 2)—The Columbia and Cowlitz Railway
Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Longview Switching Company

FD 34086-1 *204598*
Notice of Exemption—Petition For Extension of Temporary Trackage Rights Expiration
STB Finance Docket No. 34086 (Sub No. 2)—The Columbia and Cowlitz Railway
Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway
Company

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed, the following items:

- 1) The original and ten copies of each of the two (2) Petitions For Extension of Temporary Trackage Rights Expiration, referenced above;
- 2) A computer diskette with the two Petitions saved in the required Word Perfect format;
- 3) A certificate of service;
- 4) An additional copy of the face-sheet of each of the two (2) Petitions;
- 5) A stamped, self-addressed envelope.

I have been informed by Mr. Rudy St. Louis of your office that the filing of these extension documents will not require additional filing fees. If you would be so kind as to send us the two

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Very truly yours,



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TRACKAGE RIGHTS EXEMPTION -- THE LONGVIEW SWITCHING COMPANY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
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THE COLUMBIA AND COWLITZ RAILWAY COMPANY --
TRACKAGE RIGHTS EXEMPTION -- THE LONGVIEW SWITCHING COMPANY

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TEMPORARY TRACKAGE RIGHTS EXPIRATION**

The Columbia and Cowlitz Railway Company ("CLC") and The Longview Switching Company ("LSC") (collectively, the "Parties") have been granted a revocation of the Surface Transportation Board's (the "Board's") trackage rights class exemption, 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(7), pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502(d) and the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1121. This temporary revocation was granted by the Board in September of 2001 as necessary to allow a CLC/LSC trackage rights arrangement, which would ultimately enable CLC to conduct repairs to its damaged line. As granted, the revocation is currently set to expire on March 1, 2002, as was expressly desired by the Parties. The Parties now hereby respectfully request an extension of the expiration date to May 1, 2002.

DISCUSSION

In its published Federal Register Notice (FR-4915-00-P) (Service Date September 14, 2001), the Board granted a temporary revocation of the Board's trackage rights class exemption to CLC and LSC, to expire on March 1, 2002. The Board's decision was based upon a review of two pleadings previously filed by the Parties: a Notice of Exemption (STB F. D. No. 34088); and a Petition For Partial Revocation of Class Exemption to Permit Expiration of Temporary Trackage Rights (hereafter "Partial Revocation Petition") (STB F. D. No. 34088 Sub No. 1).

As noted previously in the Partial Revocation Petition, CLC suffered a substantial trestle fire on July 2, 2001, which severed CLC's connection between Columbia Junction, Washington, and Rocky Point, Washington. Without an alternative route over LSC line, CLC was unable to provide adequate service. The temporary revocation granted by the Board enabled CLC to acquire overhead trackage rights over LSC line between Columbia Junction, Washington and Longview Junction, Washington, which bridged the damaged gap. This in turn enabled CLC to begin the necessary repairs to its line. CLC has agreed to utilize the trackage rights over LSC line as an alternative route only until completion of its repairs.

As the Board is aware, trackage rights approved under the existing class exemption are normally indefinite in nature, regardless of any contract provisions imposing a definite term. In this instance, however, the Parties noted in their Partial Revocation Petition, and the Board agreed, the trackage rights between CLC and LSC met the criteria for class exemption to the extent necessary to allow the Board to exempt the proposed trackage only until CLC's repairs were completed. The Parties stated in the Partial Revocation Petition that they expected CLC's repairs to conclude by March 1, 2002. Unfortunately, it now appears that CLC will be unable to complete its repairs by March 1, 2002. Taking this unexpected delay into account, however, the Parties do expect CLC's repairs to conclude by May 1, 2002.

WHEREFORE, CLC hereby respectfully requests that the Board extend the expiration date of the Board's partial revocation of the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1880.2(d)(7), from March 1, 2002 to May 1, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

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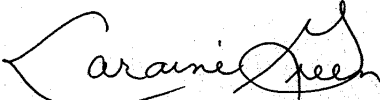
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Petition for Extension of Temporary Trackage Rights Expiration (STB Finance Docket No.
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Petition for Extension of Temporary Trackage Rights Expiration (STB Finance Docket No.
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DATED this 24th day of January, 2002.


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