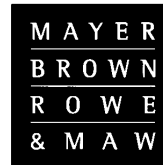


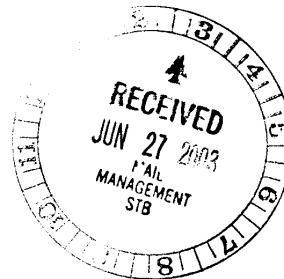
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June 27, 2003

BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
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Re: Finance Docket No. 34330, The Burlington Northern
and Santa Fe Railway Company – Acquisition and
Operation Exemption – Montana Western Railway
Company, Inc.

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are the original and ten (10) copies of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company's Certification regarding service of the Board June 23, 2003 decision in this proceeding. Also enclosed is a 3.5 inch disk containing the text in WordPerfect 9 format.

I would appreciate it if you would date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this submission and return it to the messenger for our files. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian L. Steel, Jr.'.

Adrian L. Steel, Jr.

Enclosures

cc: Mr. David M. Konschnik
Mr. Joseph H. Dettmar

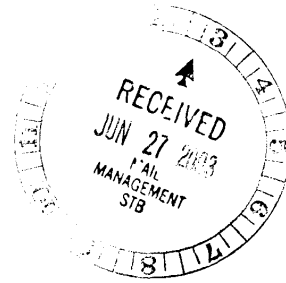
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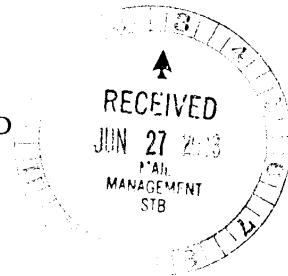
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CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board's June 23, 2003 decision in this proceeding, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") hereby certifies that it has this date served a hard copy of that decision on all active shippers located on the Montana Western Railway Company, Inc.'s line extending from Garrison to Butte, MT; on all shippers whose traffic moved via Silver Bow, MT to or from points on Montana Rail Link, Inc. in 2002; and on all shippers and entities previously served with a copy of BNSF's Petition for Exemption in this proceeding, by first-class mail, postage prepaid. In addition, BNSF has arranged for issuance of a Marketing Advisory on this date in the form of an e-mail advising all BNSF shippers in its advisory database of the issuance of this decision with a link to a full copy of the printed decision as well as posting the Marketing Advisory on its website with a link to a full copy of the printed decision.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served by first-class mail this 27th day of June, 2003, on all parties of record in Finance Docket No. 34330.