



August 9, 2004

Via E-Filing

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 34504; Union Pacific Railroad Company – Lease and Operation Exemption – Line of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Dear Mr. Williams:

This refers to the Petition for Exemption in the above proceeding filed May 28, 2004.

The Board's staff has brought to our attention a discrepancy between the mileposts shown in the Petition for Exemption (BNSF milepost 474.4 to BNSF milepost 479.01) and the mileposts shown in the lease agreement attached as Exhibit 2 to the Petition (BNSF milepost 474.01 to BNSF milepost 479.4).

This letter is to confirm my verbal advice that the mileposts shown in the Exhibit 2 lease agreement are the correct mileposts. The line to be leased runs from BNSF milepost 474.01 near Marion AR to BNSF milepost 479.4 near West Memphis AR. The total distance of approximately 5.39 miles shown in the Petition for Exemption corresponds to these mileposts.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert T. Opal".

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