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TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES

Via Federal Express

September 16, 2004

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



RE: Finance Docket No. 34555, City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division, dba Tacoma Rail, Tacoma Municipal Beltline or TMBL
Acquisition Exemption—Lakeview Subdivision, Quadlok-St. Clair, and Belmore-Olympia Rail Lines in Pierce and Thurston Counties, Washington

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Beltline Division, dba Tacoma Rail, Tacoma Municipal Beltline or TMBL ("TMBL") here by certifies that on July 30, 2004, TMBL posted the attached Notice at the workplace of the employees on the rail line that is the subject of this transaction and served a copy of the Notice on the national offices of all labor unions with employees on the affected lines. An original and ten copies of this letter and attachment are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anne L. Spangler
Chief Assistant City Attorney
(253) 502-8218

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Mr. Don M. Hahs, President
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers &
Trainmen
1370 Ontario Street
Standard Building
Cleveland, OH 44113

Mr. Fred Simpson, President
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way
Employees
2655 Evergreen Road, Suite 200
Southfield, MI 48076-4225

Mr. Danny Pickett, President
Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen
601 West Golf Road
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Mr. Paul Thompson, President
United Transportation Union
14600 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44107-4250

Dear Presidents:

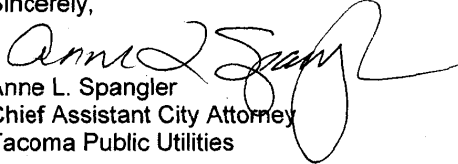
Attached to this letter please find a copy of a Notice to Employees that has been prepared by the City of Tacoma's Tacoma Municipal Belt Line (TMBL), relating to the TMBL's proposed acquisition of freight service on several of The Burlington Northern & Santa Fe's lines in the vicinity of Tacoma, Washington.

This notice was prepared to comply with 49 C.F.R. §1150.42, to be posted at the workplace of the employees and served on the national headquarters of the unions for the employees of the affected lines at least 60 days before the date the transfer is expected to be effective. It is my understanding that BNSF wishes to have the transaction completed by September 30, 2004. Therefore, we are required to have this notice posted and served no later than Friday, July 30, 2004.

We have separately sent a copy of this Notice to the BNSF Terminal in Tacoma, to the attention of Mr. Dan Burns, the Terminal Manager, and Ms. Barbara Seeburger, his assistant.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Anne L. Spangler
Chief Assistant City Attorney
Tacoma Public Utilities

cc: Dennis Dean
Mark Crisson

July 29, 2004

City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Belt Line Division, also known as the Tacoma Municipal Belt Line, TMBL (dba Tacoma Rail)

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN & SANTA FE RAILROAD

Pursuant to Surface Transportation Board regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Belt Line Division, also known as the Tacoma Municipal Belt Line, TMBL (dba Tacoma Rail), hereby provides notice to the employees of The Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF), that it intends to acquire by lease and easement and operate freight service on approximately 27 miles of BNSF's line of railroad as follows, effective September 30, 2004:

1. Tacoma Rail will acquire BNSF's freight rail easement on the Lakeview Subdivision between South Tacoma (MP 2.7) and Lakeview Junction (MP 7.9) and between West Lakeview Junction (MP 0.0) and Nisqually (MP 11.5), Washington State, BNSF to retain overhead trackage rights.
2. Tacoma Rail will lease BNSF's Quadlok (MP 3.27) to St. Claire (MP 0.0), and Belmore (MP 16.0) to East Olympia (MP 0.0), Washington, lines, including BNSF trackage rights over six miles of Union Pacific track, and trackage rights over the BNSF main line between Nisqually, St. Claire and East Olympia.

Tacoma Rail will assume the BNSF's rights and obligations under all existing rail freight transportation contract on the same terms as provided in these contract to the extent the contracts relate to rail service which is or could be provided over all or a portion of the rail line that has been acquired by Tacoma Rail.

As a result of its agreements, Tacoma Rail expects to hire approximately 5 employees, including 1 locomotive engineer, 1 conductor/switch supervisor, 1 switch operator, 1 track inspector/trackman, and 1 other operating employee. This estimate is preliminary and is subject to modification prior to commencing operations.

Employees will be provided wages and benefits in accordance with the City of Tacoma's ordinances and policies. Tacoma Rail will select employees in accordance with its regular civil service hiring procedures, and in accordance with all federal, state and local equal opportunity laws. Employees will be selected on the basis of skills and aptitudes required for each position. Successful candidates must have a stable work record and demonstrate a commitment to safety and customer service. Successful applicants will be required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen, and may be required to take a physical examination.

BNSF employees interested in seeking employment with Tacoma Rail should contact Mr. Dennis Dean at (253) 502-8891.



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Mr. Dan Burns, Terminal Manager
Ms. Barbara Seeburger, Assistant
BNSF Terminal Tacoma Washington-
605 Puyallup Ave.
Tacoma WA 98421

Dear Mr. Burns and Ms. Seeburger:

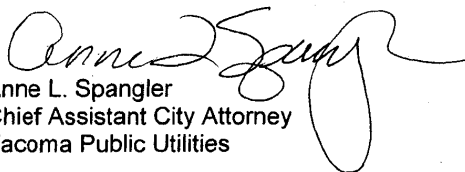
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I appreciate your assistance in having this notice posted for employees of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, and the United Transportation Union. We are separately service copies of this notice on the national headquarters of these unions.

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