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November 1, 2007

VIA HAND

Honorable Vernon A Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-001

RE. Columbia Basin Railroad Company, Inc. -- Acquisition and Operation Exemption -
- BNSF Railway Company and BNSF Acquisition, Inc

Dear Secretary Williams.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding are (1) an original and 10 copies of the Certificate of Posting of Columbia Basin Railroad Company, Inc., and (2) 11 copies of the related Notice of Intent.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed acknowledgment copy and returning it to our messenger.

Very truly yours,

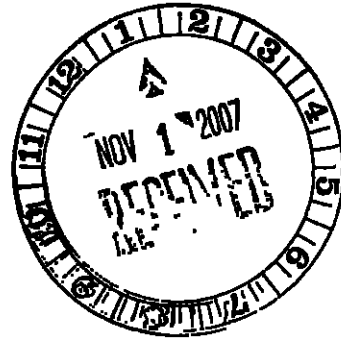
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Enclosures

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

STB FINANCE DOCKET NO. 35066

**COLUMBIA BASIN RAILROAD COMPANY, INC.
-- ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION --
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY AND BNSF ACQUISITION, INC.**



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The undersigned certifies that, in connection with the labor notice requirements at 49 C F R § 1150 42(e), the Notice of Intent in STB Finance Docket 35066 has been posted at the following address on October 31, 2007

1801 1st Street
Warden, WA 98857

Signature

Nicholas B Temple

Printed Name

Nicholas B Temple

Title

President

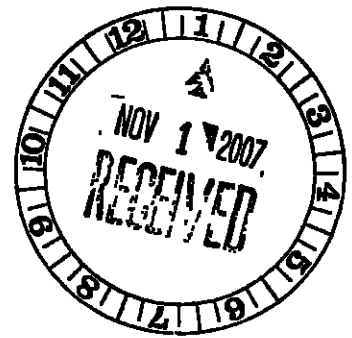
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE
A VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41
IN
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On November 1, 2007, Columbia Basin Railroad Company (CBRW) is filing for authority from the Surface Transportation Board to acquire from BNSF Railway Company and BNSF Acquisition, Inc., and to operate, the following rail lines: (1) from approximately milepost 186.9 (at or near Connell, WA) to approximately milepost 145.7 at or near Wheeler, WA), (2) from approximately milepost 0.0 (at or near Bassett Junction, WA) to approximately milepost 12.5 (at or near Schrag, WA), (3) from approximately milepost 20.0 (at or near Moses Lake, WA) to approximately milepost 5.6 (at or near Sieler, WA), and (4) from approximately milepost 5.6 (at or near Sieler, WA) to approximately milepost 0.0 (at or near Wheeler, WA). This is substantially the same property that CBRW currently operates over pursuant to a 1996 lease agreement with Burlington Northern Railroad Company and BNSF Acquisition, Inc. That lease agreement contains an option to purchase, which has been exercised by CBRW.

In addition, CBRW intends to acquire incidental trackage rights for local and overhead rail service over approximately 13 route miles from approximately milepost 1974 (at or near Warden, WA) to approximately milepost 1987 (at or near Othello, WA). CBRW received authority to operate, via trackage rights, over substantially the same track in connection with its 1996 lease agreement.

CBRW is providing this notice pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board requirements at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e).

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CBRW does not anticipate that any employees will be adversely affected by the consummation of the sale. CBRW also does not anticipate that any additional jobs will be created on these lines as a result of the consummation of this sale.