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All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Roger B. Garland,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**[Disaster Declaration #10476]****Washington Disaster # WA-00004**

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Washington (FEMA—1641—DR), dated 5/17/2006.

Incident: Severe storms, flooding, tidal surge, landslides, and mudslides
Incident Period: 1/27/2006 through 2/4/2006.

Effective Date: 5/17/2006.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 7/17/2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, National Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 05/17/2006, applications for Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties:

Clallam
Grays Harbor
Island
Jefferson Kitsap
Mason
Pacific
Pend Oreille
San Juan
Snohomish
Wahkiakum

The Interest Rates are:

Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere: 5.000.

Businesses And Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 4.000.

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 10476.

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Cheri L. Cannon,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 5423]**

Notice Convening an Accountability Review Board To Examine the Circumstances of the Death of Mr. David E. Foy and Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed in March 2006

Pursuant to section 301 of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986, as amended (22 U.S.C. 4831 *et seq.*), the Secretary of State has determined that a recent attack on an official motorcade in Karachi, Pakistan involved loss of life that was at or related to a U.S. mission abroad. Therefore, the Secretary has convened an Accountability Review Board to examine the facts and the circumstances of the attacks and to report to me such findings and recommendations as it deems appropriate, in keeping with the attached mandate.

The Secretary has appointed David C. Fields, a retired U.S. Ambassador, as Chair of the Board. He will be assisted by Carolee Heileman, William Pope, Melvin Harrison, John Weber and the Executive Secretary to the Board, Hugo Carl Gettinger. They bring to their deliberations distinguished backgrounds in government service and/or in the private sector.

The Board will submit its conclusions and recommendations to Secretary Rice within 60 days of its first meeting, unless the Chair determines a need for additional time. Appropriate action will be taken and reports submitted to Congress on any recommendations made by the Board.

Anyone with information relevant to the Board's examination of these incidents should contact the Board promptly at (202) 647-5204 or send a fax to (202) 647-3282.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 23, 2006.

Henrietta H. Fore,

Under Secretary for Management, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favour of relief.

Burlington Northern Sante Fe Corporation

[Docket Number FRA-2006-24812]

The Burlington Northern Sante Fe Corporation (BNSF), seeks a temporary waiver of compliance from certain provisions of 49 CFR part 232, *Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment*. Specifically, the mileage and inspection requirements contained in § 232.213, *Extended Haul Trains*.

BNSF would like to perform the 1500 mile extended haul inspection for thirteen select trains at points which slightly exceed the 1500 mile point for inbound and outbound inspections for a period of six months. BNSF does not believe that this increase will in any way compromise the safety of BNSF's operations. BNSF claims this request is critical given the increased rate of demand for coal by the utility industry. BNSF believes that granting this waiver for a period of six months will significantly improve their ability to transport coal without any degradation to the safe operation of the following train sets: E-PAMATM, E-PAMBAM, E-PAMBTM, E-PAMNAM, E-PAMSBM, E-PAMEBM, E-MHSATM, E-MHSBKM, E-MHSCAM, E-MHSEBM, E-MHSJRM, E-MHSNAM, E-MHSRWM.

BNSF states that mechanical and operating forces would be provided the list of trains allowed to operate past the 1500 mile threshold. Additionally, BNSF would keep records of any defects discovered during the inspections, as required, to include any defective cars set out enroute.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2006-24812) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room Pl-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Note: Any request for a public hearing must be made within 15 days of the date of this notice. Written communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room Pl-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19377-78). The statement may also be found at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 24, 2006.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator, for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34875]

V&S Railway, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Hutchinson and Northern Railway Company

V&S Railway, LLC (VSR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from The Hutchinson and Northern Railway Company (HN), also a Class III rail carrier,¹ and to operate approximately 5.14 miles of rail line from milepost 0.0 to milepost 5.14 in Hutchinson, Reno County, KS.

VSR certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier, and further certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on May 11, 2006.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34875, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Fritz R. Kahn, Fritz R. Kahn P.C., 1920 N Street, NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20036-1601.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: May 23, 2006.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 222X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Ouachita County, AR

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a verified notice of exemption

¹Pacific Western Railroad, a noncarrier holding company, owns all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of HN.

under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.6-mile line of railroad on the El Dorado Subdivision, extending from milepost 457.0 near Gilcrest to milepost 460.6 near El Dorado Junction, in Quachita County, AR. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 71701 and 71711.

UP has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 30, 2006, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by June 12, 2006. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 20, 2006, with the Surface Transportation Board,

¹The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C. 2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

²Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which was increased to \$1,300 effective on April 19, 2006. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2006 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 13) (STB served Mar. 20, 2006).