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The Director of Wage and Service Records

The General Counsel

Willamina & Grande Ronde Railway Company

By reason of being a carrier by railroad subject to part I of the Interstate Commerce Act the above-mentioned company has been an employer within the meaning of the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. Its name appears in the Employer Status List under Item No. 7428 with the period of creditable service shown as January 24, 1938 to date.

In a certificate and order dated December 7, 1954 the Interstate Commerce Commission approved and authorized the merger of properties and franchises of this carrier into the Longview, Portland and Northern Railway Company for ownership, management and operation. Longview, Portland & Northern Railway Company et al. Merger, Finance Docket No. 18341, ___ I.C.C. ___.

The Longview, Portland & Northern Railway Company is a carrier by railroad subject to part I of the Interstate Commerce Act and an employer under the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. Its name appears in the Employer Status List under Item No. 3729.

In a letter dated January 4, 1955 Mr. H. B. Robertson, General Manager, Longview, Portland & Northern Railway Company states that the merger referred to became effective December 31, 1954. Accordingly, I conclude that as of January 1, 1955 the Willamina & Grande Ronde Railway Company ceased to be an employer within the meaning of the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

Appropriate Form C-341 will be released giving effect to the foregoing.

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