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NOTICE

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POWDER RIVER BASIN SITE VISIT

July 30, 2004

On August 2, 3, and 4, 2004, the Board will conduct an informational site visit to Powder River Basin rail facilities in Wyoming to examine and explore the engineering and operational considerations associated with transporting the unit-train coal traffic that originates in that area. The Board members (Chairman Nober, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey) will be accompanied by Board staff and by participants from the Western Coal Traffic League, Peabody Coal Company, National Coal Transportation Association, Union Pacific Railroad Company, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, and the Association of American Railroads.

All written materials received by the Board on that site visit will be placed in the above-captioned docket for public inspection and review. The Board will issue a notice once these materials are available and will set a deadline for interested parties to submit comments on the materials.

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Secretary