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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB EX PARTE NO. 573

RAIL SERVICE IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

STB SERVICE ORDER NO. 1518

JOINT PETITION FOR SERVICE ORDER

Decided: December 2, 1997

A public hearing regarding the status of railroad freight service in the western United States has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., in the Surface Transportation Board Hearing Room (Suite 760) at 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Attached to this decision is an addendum setting forth the order of appearance and the time allotted to each speaker at the hearing to be held December 3, 1997. The attached order of appearances and time allotted for speakers will not be changed or modified.

It is ordered:

1. Appearances at the Surface Transportation Board hearing on December 3, 1997, will be upon the conditions set forth in the attached appendix.

2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

	<u>TIME ALLOTTED</u>
RAILROADS	60 minutes
Union Pacific/Southern Pacific Railroad System	30 minutes
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company	15 minutes
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company; The Texas Mexican Railway Company	10 minutes
Brownsville & Rio Grande International Railroad	5 minutes
SHIPPERS	
<u>Panel #1</u> (General Shippers, Chemicals, Plastics)	35 minutes
The National Industrial Transportation League	10 minutes
Chemical Manufacturers Association	10 minutes
Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.	10 minutes
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<u>Panel #2</u> (Coal, Mining, Lumber, Other)	36 minutes
National Mining Association	10 minutes
Western Coal Traffic League	10 minutes
Edison Electric Institute	3 minutes
North American Wholesale Lumber Association	10 minutes
International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses	3 minutes

<u>Panel #3</u> (Agriculture/Grain)	40 minutes
National Corn Growers Association	10 minutes
North Dakota Grain Dealers Association	10 minutes
Nebraska Grain and Feed Association	10 minutes
Farmers Elevator Association of Minnesota	10 minutes
LABOR	23 minutes
United Transportation Union	10 minutes
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers	10 minutes
International Brotherhood of Teamsters	3 minutes
FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT	40 minutes
Federal Railroad Administration	10 minutes
United States Department of Agriculture	10 minutes
Railroad Commission of Texas	10 minutes
California Public Utilities Commission	10 minutes
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY	15 minutes