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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 335X)

BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
BETWEEN KLICKITAT AND GOLDENDALE, WA

STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 346X)

BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN
KLICKITAT COUNTY, WA

Decided: March 1, 2005

On February 7, 2005, Tracy and Lorraine Zoller, William Giersch, David and Kristen Mattson, and Allen Tooke (petitioners) filed a petition to reopen the above proceedings to declare certain right-of-way segments de jure abandoned, to declare the remaining right-of-way segment de facto abandoned, and to revoke authority for trail use due to loss of federal jurisdiction. On February 28, 2005, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Rails to Trails Conservancy, and Klickitat Trail Conservancy jointly filed a reply in opposition to the petition to reopen. On the same day, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) requested a 7-day extension of time to file a reply. BNSF states that it needs more time to finalize its position. BNSF adds that it has been authorized to represent that petitioners do not oppose BNSF's request.

BNSF's request for an extension of time to file its answer is reasonable and will be granted.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The due date for BNSF to file its reply is extended to March 7, 2005.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary