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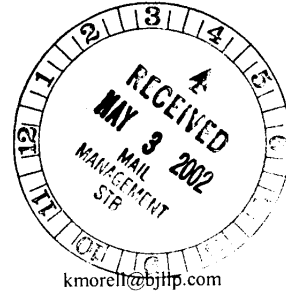
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 715
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 34204, South Kansas And Oklahoma Railroad
Company – Lease Exemption – The Burlington Northern And Santa Fe
Railway Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

South Kansas And Oklahoma Railroad Company ("SKO"), hereby certifies that on May 3, 2002, SKO had posted the attached Notice at the workplace of the employees on the rail line that is the subject of this transaction and on April 25, 2002, SKO served a copy of the Notice on the national offices of all labor unions with employees on the affected line.

Please time and date stamp the extra copy of this letter and return it with our messenger.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell

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NOTICE

South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad Company ("SKO"), a Kansas Corporation, will be leasing from The Burlington Northern And Santa Fe Railway Company the rail line located between Milepost 139.10, near Pittsburg, Kansas, and Milepost 145.32, near Cherokee, Kansas.

SKO will not be hiring any additional employees as a result of the lease of the Pittsburg-Cherokee rail line.

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