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BY HAND

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34640, Central Washington Railroad Company -
Lease and Operation Exemption - The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe
Railway Company

STB Finance Docket No. 34641, Nicholas B. Temple and Eric Temple --
Control Exemption - Central Washington Railroad Company

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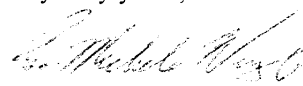
Dear Secretary Williams:

On December 22, 2004, we filed a verified notice of exemption in each of the above-referenced proceedings. The Verification page and the Certificate of Revenue of Nicholas B. Temple, Jr. in Finance Docket No. 34640, and the Verification page of Nicholas B. Temple, Jr. and Eric Temple in Finance Docket No. 34641, contained facsimile signature(s).

Enclosed for filing in Finance Docket No. 34640 is a Verification page and a Certificate of Revenue containing an original signature of Nicholas B. Temple, Jr. Enclosed for filing in Finance Docket No. 34641 is a Verification page containing an original signature of Nicholas B. Temple, Jr. and Eric Temple.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed acknowledgment copy and returning it to our messenger.

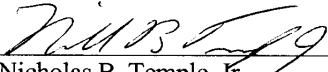
Very truly yours,



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VERIFICATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to cause this Verified Notice of Exemption to be filed.



Nicholas B. Temple, Jr.



Eric Temple

December 21, 2004