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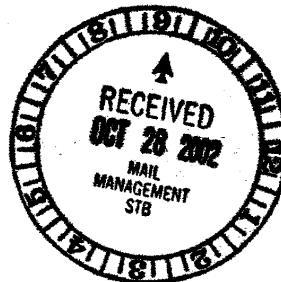
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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building, #711
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34255
Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.
-- Lease and Operation Exemption --
the Burlington Northern and Sante Fe Railway Company
LABOR NOTICE CERTIFICATION

Dear Secretary Williams:

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. ("PNWR") hereby certifies that on October 25, 2002, a copy of the enclosed Notice was posted at the work places of the employees on the rail line that is the subject of the proposed transaction. PNWR further certifies that it is serving by overnight delivery, a copy of this letter and the enclosed Notice on the national offices of all labor unions with employees on the affected lines.

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Ten copies of this letter and Notice are enclosed for filing with the Board. Please time-stamp the enclosed extra copy of the letter and Notice and return them to me in the stamped self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,


Eric M. Hocky
Attorney for Portland & Western
Railroad, Inc.

Enclosures

cc via FedEx:

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Before the
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Finance Docket No. 34255

**PORTLAND & WESTERN RAILROAD, INC.
- LEASE AND OPERATION EXEMPTION -
THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTE FE RAILWAY COMPANY**

**NOTICE OF INTENT DIRECTED TO EMPLOYEES OF
THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTE FE RAILWAY COMPANY**

Pursuant to the regulations of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") at 49 CFR §1150.42(e), Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. ("PNWR") hereby gives notice of its intent to lease from The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF"), the 76.75 mile line of railroad between milepost 64.70 between Quinaby and Salem, Oregon and milepost 141.45 near Eugene, Oregon. The lease is intended to be effective as of December 27, 2002.

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As a result of the transaction, PNWR preliminarily estimates that following jobs will be available at the starting hourly rates of pay (depending on experience) indicated:

<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Range of Starting Rates of Pay</u>
4 Locomotive Engineers	\$ 11.48 - 13.75
4 Conductors	\$ 11.48 - 13.75
1 Machinist	\$ 11.48 - 13.75
1 Signal Maintainer	\$ 13.28 - 14.75
1 Carman	\$ 11.48 - 13.75
1 Customer Service/RMI Input	\$ 12.38 - 14.75
3 Maintenance of Way Laborers	\$ 11.48 - 13.75

Employees will be provided with Railroad Retirement, medical insurance, holidays, vacation and other benefits consistent with the benefits currently provided employees of PNWR with similar jobs.

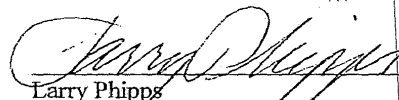
PNWR is an equal opportunity employer. Employees will be selected based upon their experience and suitability for the jobs that may be offered. Successful applicants will be required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen, complete a medical questionnaire, and take a physical exam.

Applications for employment should be made by sending a letter and resume stating the applicant's experience, providing references for any employment held during the last five years and any rail industry employment held at any time. The applicant must be available to start work by the seventh day before the effective date of the lease. The letter should be sent by regular mail to Roberta Kane, Manager of Human Resources at 650 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

PORTLAND & WESTERN RAILROAD, INC.

Dated: October 25, 2002

By:


Larry Phipps
President & General Manager

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**CERTIFICATE OF
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The attached Notice of Intent was posted at EAST ST. JOHNS.

I, R.W. NELSON, TRAINMASTER of The Burlington Northern and
Santa Fe Railway Company, certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file the foregoing document.

Executed on October 25, 2002.

Randall W. Nelson

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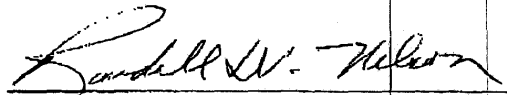
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