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Public & Media Advisory: Surface Transportation Board Announces Cases & Matters To Be Addressed at February 23 Voting Conference

Surface Transportation Board Chairman Roger Nober has announced the matters and cases to be addressed at the STB's open voting conference to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2005, in Room 760, the agency's hearing room, on the 7th Floor of the agency's headquarters in the Mercury Building, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

At the conference, the Board Members will discuss publicly among themselves, and vote on, the cases listed below. While the conference is open for public observation, no public participation is permitted.

THE CONFERENCE ITEMS ARE:

- CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company--Control and Operating Leases/Agreements--Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation [General Oversight], STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 91).
- James Riffin d/b/a [doing business as] The Northern Central Railroad--Acquisition and Operation Exemption--in York County, PA, STB Finance Docket No. 34501.

Embraced case: James Riffin d/b/a The Northern Central Railroad--Petition for Declaratory Order, STB Finance Docket No. 34552.

- Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company v. New England Central Railroad, Inc., STB Finance Docket No. 34612.
- Ohio Valley Railroad Company--Petition to Restore Switch Connection and Other Relief, STB Finance Docket No. 34608.
- Ohio Valley Railroad Company--Acquisition and Operation Exemption--Harwood Properties, Inc., STB Finance Docket No. 34486.
- Central Illinois Railroad Company--Operation Exemption--Rail Line of the City of Peoria and the Village of Peoria Heights in Peoria and Peoria Heights, Peoria County, IL, STB Finance Docket No. 34518.

Embraced case: Pioneer Industrial Railway Company--Petition for Declaratory Order, STB Finance Docket No. 34636.

- Atlas Van Lines, Inc., et al.--Pooling Agreement, STB Docket No. MC-F-21010.
- Sierra Pacific Industries--Abandonment Exemption--in Amador County, CA, STB Docket No. AB-512X.

Embraced case: Sierrapine--Discontinuance Exemption--in Amador County, CA, STB Docket No. AB-880X.

• Union Pacific Railroad Company--Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption--BNSF Railway Company, STB Finance Docket No. 34417 (Sub-No. 3).

The STB's decision announcing the voting-conference agenda was <u>issued on February 16, 2005 in Meetings of the Board, STB Ex Parte No. 333</u>. That decision is available for viewing and downloading via the agency's Web site at http://www.stb.dot.gov. A printed copy of the agency's decision also is available for a fee by contacting ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706, telephone (202) 306-4004, or via asapdc@verizon.net.

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