Public & Media Advisory: Surface Transportation Board Announces Matters & Cases To Be Addressed at December 13 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 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 13, 2004, 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 Members will discuss and vote on the cases listed below. While the conference is open for public observation, no public participation is permitted.

THE CONFERENCE ITEMS ARE:

• Railroad Ventures, Inc.--Abandonment Exemption--Between Youngstown, OH, and Darlington, PA, in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, OH, and Beaver County, PA, STB Docket No. AB-556 (Sub-No. 2X).

• Arizona Public Service Company & PacifiCorp v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, Docket No. 41185.

• *Public Service Company of Colorado d/b/a Xcel Energy v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Docket No. 42057.

- Otter Tail Power Company v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, STB Docket No. 42071.
- DHX Inc., v. Matson Navigation Company and Sea-Land Service, Inc., STB Docket No. WCC-105.
- Motor Carrier Bureaus--Periodic Review Proceeding, STB Ex Parte No. 656.
- Railroad Cost of Capital--2004, STB Ex Parte No. 558 (Sub-No. 8).

The STB's decision announcing the voting-conference agenda was issued on December 6, 2004 in *Meetings of the Board*, <u>STB Ex Parte No. 333</u>. That decision is available for viewing and downloading via the agency's Web site at <u>http://www.stb.dot.gov</u>. 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 <u>asapdc@verizon.net</u>.

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