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By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34919]

#### Montana Rail Link, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Montana Rail Link, Inc. (MRL) over two rail segments: (1) From approximately milepost 68.17 to approximately milepost 69.0, a distance of approximately 0.83 miles at or near Spokane, WA; and (2) from approximately milepost 0.74 to approximately milepost 1.0, a distance of approximately 0.26 miles at or near Mossmain, MT. Both segments connect to track over which applicant already operates.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after October 2, 2006, the effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to provide additional operating room to promote better efficiency and service, solely for access to one customer (and any subsequent successor entities to that one customer) relocating from a point on applicant's line to a point on one of the trackage rights segments.

As condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*,

354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry. Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34919, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Troy W. Garris, 1300 19th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee act) that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will meet October 31–November 2, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The meeting will be held in the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Conference Center, room 230, VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to health care,

rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

On October 31, the agenda will include briefings and updates presented by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), highlighting VA research and studies related to women's health issues, a briefing from VHA's Women Veterans Health Program Director, legislative issues related to veterans, presentation of Certificates of Appointment to six new Committee members, and upcoming initiatives of the Center for Women Veterans.

On November 1, the agenda will include briefings and updates presented on VA's polytrauma program, VHA's Office of Seamless Transition, VA's HealthierUS Veterans Initiative, VA Homeless Programs and Initiatives, and an ethics briefing for Committee members.

On November 2, the committee will be briefed and updated on issues in the Veterans Benefits Administration, from the VA Chief of Staff, on VA mental health programs, and from the 2005 Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service (DACOWITS) Report.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Ms. Desiree Long, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans (00W), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Ms. Long may be contacted either by phone at (202) 273-6193, fax at (202) 273-7092, or e-mail at [00W@mail.va.gov](mailto:00W@mail.va.gov). Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Written statements must be filed before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting.

Dated: October 5, 2006.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggin,**

Committee Management Officer.

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