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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Attn: Ms. Carole J. Washburn 1300 W. Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Extension Request Class 1 Railroad Companies Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2002. (VIA FAX)

Dear Ms Washburn:

Please consider this our request for an extension to June 15, 2003 for filing The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Class 1 Railroad Companies Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2002. This request is necessary due to the following two reasons:

- 1. The additional "Administrative Information" and the fact that the individuals required to provide that information are at various locations and additional time is necessary to contact them.
- 2. The address on file with the State of Washington that the documents were sent to was 1600 Main St., Suite 120, Fort Worth, TX 76131, which is not our address, and consequently we did not receive the documents in time to contact all the appropriate individuals.

Please note, the R-1 and regulatory fees have already been submitted. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Any correspondence relating to this should be sent to my attention at the address listed above:

Sincerely,

Jack B. Tomlinson

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