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Via Fax and U.S. Mail

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J.D. Fitzgerald, General Chairman
United Transportation Union
The Academy, Suite 217
400 East Vancouver, WA 98660

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I am responding to your letter dated June 1, 2006 concerning your inquiry as to whether BNSF Railway intends to, "utilize 'agent' PNWR crews to man and operate BNSF trains between Albany, OR (Labish, OR) and Portland, OR...."

BNSF does have an agreement with UP to utilize PNWR crews as our agent over Union Pacific (UP) track (for which we have overhead trackage rights) to handle PNWR cars between Albany and Portland. But we have not implemented that agreement yet. The agreement with UP is just the first step in the process, and we may decide not to move forward. However, if we do move forward, nothing will happen before July 1, 2006.

Going forward, we will make any necessary public filings with the Surface Transportation Board and keep both UTU and BLET apprised of the situation.

Randy Luther has scheduled a meeting with you, General Chairman Pierce, and Wendell Bell to discuss this matter in further detail on June 12, 2006. We look forward to seeing you on June 12, and in the meantime, let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Milton Siegala". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

cc: Dennis Pierce