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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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2 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL
Chairman
3 JIM IRVIN
Commissioner
4 MARC SPITZER
Commissioner
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Arizona Corporation Commission

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6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
7 OF BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND
8 SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, A
9 DELAWARE CORPORATION, FOR AN
10 ORDER GRANTING AN EXEMPTION
FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF A.A.C.
R14-5-110(B)(7)(a).

Docket No. RR-02635B-02-0817

DECISION NO. 65457

ORDER

11 Open Meeting
12 December 17 and 18, 2002
13 Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

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15 1. On October 30, 2002, the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a
16 Delaware Corporation ("BNSF") filed with the Commission an application granting the BNSF an
17 exemption from the requirements of A.A.C. R14-5-110(B)(7)(a). ("Rules").

18 2. These rules provide that "No merchandise, materials, equipment, or other articles shall
19 be placed either on the ground or on a platform adjacent to any track at a distance less than 8 feet
20 6 inches from the centerline of track. A suitable line or other marker shall be maintained on all
21 platforms at a distance of 8 feet 6 inches from the centerline of track to indicate minimum
22 clearance for the articles." A.A.C. R14-5-110(B)(7)(a).

23 3. The BNSF proposes to install a Trackside Acoustic Detection System ("TADS") at
24 railroad milepost 516.2, Kingman, Arizona.

25 4. TADS is a highly sophisticated, computerized system which through the use of
26 acoustics examines each wheel bearing in a train as it rolls past the equipment. The purpose of
27 TADS is to expose defective wheel bearings well in advance of complete failure.
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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application be and hereby is granted but with modifications as recommended by Staff.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION



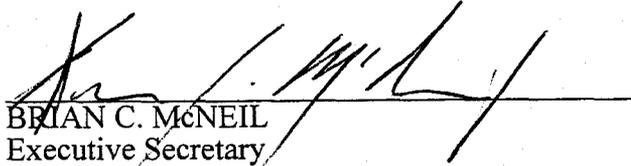
CHAIRMAN

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COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Brian C. McNeil,
Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation
Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the
official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol,
in the City of Phoenix, this 19th day of December 2002.


BRIAN C. McNEIL
Executive Secretary

DISSENT _____