different railroads, the rules (49 CFR Part 1145) allow separate r/vc ratio ceilings for individual railroads. The proposed national average r/vc ratio for 1995 is 139.5%. Ratios are also proposed for individual class I railroads and for the Eastern region and the Western region. The Commission is deferring initiation of the fourth annual compliance proceeding.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1995, unless, within that time, comments are received challenging the accuracy of the ratios, in which case a further decision will be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert C. Hasek, (202) 927–6239; or H. Jeff Warren, (202) 927–6243. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927–5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Dynamic Concepts, Inc., Room 2229, Interstate Commerce Commission Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 or telephone (202) 289–4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927–5721].

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant or adverse economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 10321(a), 10731; 5 U.S.C. 553.

Decided: January 27, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman McDonald, Vice Chairman Morgan, and Commissioners Simmons and Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[Finance Docket No. 32549]

Burlington Northern Inc. and Burlington Northern Railroad Company—Control and Merger—Santa Fe Pacific Corporation and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Decision No. 9; Notice of Proposed Revision of Procedural Schedule.

SUMMARY: The Commission is seeking public comments on the applicants'

proposal to revise the procedural schedule adopted in Decision Nos. 4 and 5 in this proceeding, served October 5, 1994, and November 10, 1994, respectively, to provide for issuance of a final decision within 165 days from the date on which the Commission decision containing notice of shareholder approval is served. To facilitate meeting that deadline and to help narrow the focus to the relevant issues, the Commission is proposing page limitations for certain filings and is considering issuing a preliminary scoping order.

DATES: Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than February 21, 1995.

ADDRESSES: An original and 20 copies of all documents must refer to Finance Docket No. 32549 and be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Attn: Finance Docket No. 32549, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

In addition, one copy of all documents in this proceeding must be sent to the Honorable Stephen L. Grossman, FERC, Office of Hearings, 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426 and to each of applicants' representatives: (1) Betty Jo Christian, Esq., Steptoe & Johnson, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036–1795; and (2) Erika Z. Jones, Esq., Mayer, Brown & Platt, 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 6500, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon or Dugie Standeford, (202) 927–5610. [TDD for the hearing

impaired: (202) 927-5721.] SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 13, 1994, an application was filed for approval of Burlington Northern, Inc.'s (BNI) acquisition of, control of, and merger with Santa Fe Pacific Corporation (SFP), the resulting common control of Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BN) and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company (Santa Fe) by the merged company, the consolidation of BN and Santa Fe railroad operations and the merger of BN and Santa Fe. Applicants also seek exemption from regulation for the merged holding company and merged railroad to control The Wichita Union Terminal Railway Company [Finance Docket No. 32549 (Sub-No. 1)] and for 11 construction projects related to the primary application Finance Docket No. 32549 (Sub-No. 2 through Sub-No. 12)]. We accepted the application in our Decision No. 5, served and published in the Federal Register on November 10, 1994 (59 FR

56089), and we set certain filing dates under the procedural schedule previously adopted in our Decision No. 4, served October 5, 1994.

In Decision No. 7, served December 5, 1994, we granted the requests of several parties and postponed the procedural schedule set forth in Decision Nos. 4 and 5 pending the outcome of an SFP shareholder vote. In Decision No. 7, we stated that upon approval of the proposed BNI/SFP merger by the shareholders, we would immediately issue a new schedule requiring the first comments to be filed 30 days later and adjusting other schedule dates accordingly. That shareholder vote has been postponed several times and is now scheduled for February 7, 1995.

In New Procedures in Rail Acquisitions, Mergers and Consolidations, Ex Parte No. 282 (Sub-No. 19) (ICC served Jan. 26, 1995) (60 FR 5890, January 31, 1995), we are seeking comments on our proposed establishment of more timely procedures for processing applications for major and significant rail combinations. In the January 26, 1995 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, we gave all interested parties until March 2, 1995, to file written comments. We also served a copy of the notice on all parties on the service list in this merger proceeding and asked for comments on whether this case should be governed by the schedule originally adopted or the schedule proposed in Ex Parte No. 282 (Sub-No. 19).

By petition filed January 27, 1995, BNI, BN, SFP, and Santa Fe request that we adopt a modified, expedited procedural schedule which tracks the schedule proposed by the Commission for public comment in Ex Parte No. 282 (Sub-No. 19) in place of the original schedule. We are now seeking public comments on this proposal by the applicants to revise the procedural schedule previously established in this proceeding to provide for the service of a final decision no later than 165 days from the date the Commission serves its decision containing notice of shareholder approval of the proposed merger, as set out in Appendix A to this Notice. Additionally, to facilitate our meeting this deadline and to better focus the filings on relevant issues, we are proposing page limitations on all filings that should not require extensive evidentiary submissions. The specific limitations are set out in Appendix A to this notice. These limits would not extend to tables of contents, prefaces, tables of authorities, summaries of argument, and other introductory materials. Further, to help narrow the focus to relevant issues, we are