

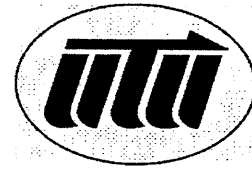
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W.A. Bell
General Director - Labor Relations
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Re: Bell Letter of July 25, 2005
Involving Trackage in Pasco, WA Area

Dear Mr. Bell:

In regard to the above reference, this will serve as inquiry.

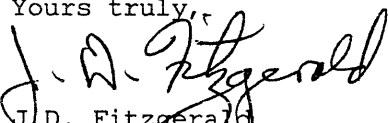
Would it be correct that should the BLET and UTU Committees having jurisdiction come to terms with BNSF regarding operations on that trackage, such sale/lease would be shelved.

By terms, the undersigned means an operation of road switcher assignments manned by a conductor and engineer with the requirement the engineer be RCO qualified and able to work from the ground or behind the engine console.

Please advise if that option remains open as expressed during our meeting in Ft. Worth on T-6 and Rivergate in Portland/Vancouver Terminal.

Awaiting your response, I am,

Yours truly,


J.D. Fitzgerald
General Chairman

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