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Factual Report, Party Sign-off Letters**



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

June 7, 2001

C.J. McCormick
Director Signals - North
BNSF Railway
8204 East Park Meadows Drive
Lone Tree, Colorado 80124

Mr. McCormick:

At about 11:40 p.m., Central Standard Time, westbound Amtrak train No. 5, "The California Zephyr," derailed at milepost 419.92 on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Nebraska Division, Creston Subdivision, en route from Chicago, Illinois to Oakland, California. The two locomotive units and the first 11 of the 16 cars derailed. Of the 261 passengers and the 15 Amtrak employees, there was one passenger fatality and 3 passengers with serious injuries. There was no fire or hazardous materials released.

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Thank you,

Ruben Payan
Electrical Engineer

I have reviewed the attached Factual Report and confirm that to the best of my knowledge the facts portrayed herein are true and accurate.

(a) I have no comments to make.

SIGNATURE

DATE

(b) Comments are submitted herewith

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David Klouda
Director C&S Construction/Maintenance and
Project Development
National Railroad Passenger Corporation
210 South Canal Street, Room 400
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Mr. Klouda:

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Tom Reiners
Railroad Safety Inspector (S&TC)
Federal Railroad Administration
8 South 6th Street
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501

Mr. Reiners:

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