

Public Service Coal Train- “PSC Coal”

Responsibilities

Runs coal empties from the Public Service plant to the Black Diamond Coal Mine, and returns with coal loads.

Schedule

Crews will begin duty at 6:00 daily and will continue to operate the PSC Coal Train throughout the shift (ending at 6:00). After loaded cars are delivered to the Public Service Company, MT hoppers will be picked up and taken to Black Diamond Mine (max. 20 MT cars) for the next run. The cycle of coal-loads-in, and MT-hoppers-out will continue until crews reach End of Service Hours.

Crews for PSC coal will not be available to operate on the Extra Board.

Procedures

Change crews at beginning of shift. Check with the Traffic Manager to determine the location of the train (train may be anywhere on the division, depending on where the previous crew's service hours ended).

Crews may use the symbols listed below for this train, however, it is commonly referred to as “PSC Coal” when communicating with the Dispatcher:

- E - PSCBLK** for MT hopper train operating between Public Service Company and Black Diamond Mine.
- C - BLKPSC** for loaded coal hopper train operating between Black Diamond Mine and Public Service Co.

Power must always be six-axle engines Alternating Current (AC) lash-ups. All engines must be in the lead of the train. The use of DPUs on the PSC Coal train is prohibited.

Empty coal train E PSC-BLK (Westbound) must always swap power upon arrival at Fall River Yard.

Load coal cars at Black Diamond Mine with loads marked “PSC Coal.”

Helper service is required between Kimber and Winston if more than 18 loaded coal cars.

Return loaded to the Public Service Power Plant. Upon arrival of the PSC power plant:

- Request route from the BNSF mainline into PSC limits from the Dispatcher.
- Place empty coal cars on either loop track (PSC crews will unload all coal cars).
- Pick-up all empty coal cars (maximum 20) and return to Black Diamond Mine for additional loads.
- MUST place FRED on rear of train (0-5-0 movement is permitted within the PSC limits).
- Depart PSC as E – PSCBLK
- If terminating at PSC, move power from PSC property and store on Calhoun Storage Track.