

## **Public Service Coal Train- “PSC Coal”**

### **Responsibilities**

Runs coal empties from the Public Service plant to the Black Butte 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 Butte Mine (max. 21 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. The train may be anywhere on the division, depending on where the previous crew’s service hours ended.

Crews have the option of operating with Distributed Power Unit (DPU) or manned helpers at Kimber to climb the grade to Winston. If choosing DPU mode, follow the attached instructions and use the dedicated TCS throttle marked “PSC Coal.” If requiring helpers, notify the Dispatcher when approaching Kimber to ensure the availability of a manned helper crew.

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 Butte Mine.
- C - BLKPSC** for loaded coal hopper train operating between Black Butte Mine and Public Service Co.

Power must always be six-axle engines Alternating Current (AC) lash-ups.

**Empty coal train E PSC-BLK (Westbound) must always swap head-end power (and DPU, if chosen) upon arrival at Fall River Yard.**

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

Helper service is required between Kimber and Winston if more than 18 loaded coal cars and NO DPU.

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 21) and return to Black Butte 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 to the East PSC storage track.