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Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), UP shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by UP's filing of a notice of consummation by July 28, 2009, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: July 18, 2008.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Anne K. Quinlan,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 270X);
STB Docket No. AB-486 (Sub-No. 5X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Osborne and Smith Counties, KS; Kyle Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Osborne and Smith Counties, KS

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Kyle Railroad Company (Kyle) (collectively, applicants) have jointly filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for UP to abandon, and for Kyle to discontinue service over, a 12.4-mile

portion of a line of railroad known as the Lenora Branch Line, extending between milepost 540.3, west of Downs, KS, and milepost 552.7, west of Portis, KS, at the end of the line, in Osborne and Smith Counties.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 67437, 67474, and 67638.

Applicants have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, these exemptions will be effective on August 27, 2008, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and

trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 7, 2008. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 18, 2008,⁴ with: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representatives: (1) Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606; and (2) Louis E. Gitomer, Esq., Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemptions are void *ab initio*.

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Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), UP shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by UP's filing of a notice of consummation by July 28, 2009, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: July 21, 2008.

¹ Applicants originally filed their verified notice of exemption on July 8, 2008, but filed a supplement to their notice on July 11, 2008, certifying applicants' compliance with the notice requirements of 49 CFR 1105.11.

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemptions' effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemptions' effective date.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,500. The filing fee for an OFA increased from \$1,300 to \$1,500, effective July 18, 2008. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services—2008 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 15) (STB served June 18, 2008), which amends 49 CFR Part 1002 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

⁴ Applicants note, however, that they do not believe that the line of railroad is suitable for other public purposes. Applicants also state that, if the abandonment is authorized, they may reclassify 2.7 miles of the line between milepost 540.3 and milepost 543.0 as side track for storage and staging.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Anne K. Quinlan,
Acting Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 262X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Fulton and Peoria Counties, IL

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 24.7-mile line of railroad on UP's Elm Industrial Lead from milepost 461.5, near Middle Grove, to milepost 486.2, at Molitor Junction, in Fulton and Peoria Counties, IL. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 61529, 61531, 61536, 61569 and 61604.

UP has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on August 22, 2008, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹

formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 4, 2008. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 12, 2008, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to UP's representative: Gabriel S. Meyer, Assistant General Attorney, 1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1580, Omaha, NE 68179.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

UP has filed environmental and historic reports which address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by July 25, 2008. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), UP shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by UP's filing of a notice of consummation by July 23, 2009, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: July 11, 2008.

Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which will be \$1,500 on the date of service and publication of this notice. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
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Acting Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

United States Mint

Notification of American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin Price Increases

SUMMARY: The United States Mint is adjusting prices for its American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins.

Pursuant to the authority that 31 U.S.C. 5111(a) and 5112(k) grant the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue platinum coins, and to prepare and distribute numismatic items, the United States Mint mints and issues 2008 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins in four denominations with the following weights: One-ounce, one-half ounce, one-quarter ounce, one-tenth ounce. The United States Mint also produces American Eagle Platinum Proof four-coin sets that contain one coin of each denomination. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 9701(b)(2)(B), the United States Mint is changing the price of these coins to reflect increases in the market price of platinum.

Effective July 23, 2008, the United States Mint will commence selling the following 2008 American Eagle Proof Coins according to the following price schedule:

Description	Price
American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins:	
One-ounce platinum coin	\$2,509.95
One-half ounce platinum coin	1,279.95
One-quarter ounce platinum coin	664.95
One-tenth ounce platinum coin	279.95
Four-coin platinum set	4,589.95

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria C. Eskridge, Associate Director for Sales and Marketing, United States Mint, 801 Ninth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20220, or call 202-354-7500.

Authority: 31 U.S.C. 5111, 5112 & 9701.

Dated: July 23, 2008.

Edmund C. Moy,
Director, United States Mint.

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¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of