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Operators should refer to recommended practices provided by national consensus standards organizations, such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) standards B31.4 and B31.8, NACE International (NACE) corrosion standards, and Gas Piping Technology Committee (GPTC) guidance documents for help in addressing stray underground electrical current interference on gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 5, 2003.

**Stacey L. Gerard,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34426]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over BNSF's rail line between BNSF milepost 768.89 near Dallas (Forest Avenue), TX, and BNSF milepost 60.6 near Houston (Belt Junction), TX, a distance of approximately 247.5 miles.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on November 1, 2003,<sup>2</sup> and the authorization is scheduled to expire on or about December 23, 2003. The purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to facilitate maintenance work on UP lines.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the temporary trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), *aff'd sub nom. Railway Labor Executives' Ass'n v. United States*, 675 F.2d 1248 (D.C. Cir. 1982).

<sup>1</sup> The trackage rights involve BNSF subdivisions with non-contiguous mileposts. Therefore, total mileage does not correspond to the milepost designations of the endpoints.

<sup>2</sup> The notice was filed with the Board on October 23, 2003. Accordingly, the earliest the transaction could be consummated was October 30, 2003 (7 days after filing under 49 CFR 1180.4(g)).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8).<sup>3</sup> If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34426, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert T. Opal, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179.

Board decisions and notices are available on the Board's Web site at "<http://www.stb.dot.gov>."

Decided: November 3, 2003.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34420]

#### CSX Transportation, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Memphis Line; R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Central Kentucky Lines, LLC—Trackage Rights Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.

Pursuant to a written master trackage rights agreement dated October 15, 2003, R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Memphis Line (RJCM) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) between CSXT milepost F-118.74/RJCM milepost LF-118.74 at Memphis Junction, KY, and RJCM milepost D-152 at Lewisburg, KY, a distance of approximately 33 miles, and CSXT has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Central Kentucky Lines, LLC (RJCC) between CSXT milepost VB113.81 at Winchester, KY, connecting to CSXT's CC Subdivision at milepost KC96.1 and CSXT milepost KC131.0 at Berea, KY, a distance of approximately 35 miles.

<sup>3</sup> The Board adopted a new class exemption for trackage rights that, by their terms, are for overhead operations only and expire on a date certain, not to exceed 1 year from the effective date of the exemption. See *Railroad Consolidation Procedures—Exemption for Temporary Trackage Rights*, STB Ex Parte No. 282 (Sub-No. 20) (STB served May 23, 2003).

The parties state that consummation of the transaction was scheduled to occur on November 1, 2003.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to provide run through unit train service between Berea and Louisville, KY, and between Louisville and Lewisburg, KY.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the exemption.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34420, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Michael W. Blaszk, 211 South Leitch Ave., La Grange, IL 60525-2162, and Ronald A. Lane, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>."

Decided: November 3, 2003.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 211X)]

#### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—In Alameda County, CA

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 5.38-mile line of railroad in the Milpitas Subdivision from milepost 0.00 near Clark Drive at Niles Junction to milepost 5.38 near Washington Boulevard, in or near Fremont, Alameda County, CA.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The portion of the line extending from milepost 2.61 to the end of the proposed abandonment at milepost 5.38 was sold by UP to the Santa Clara

The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 94536, 94538 and 94539.

UP has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic will move over a parallel UP line, which is no more than one-half mile from the instant 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 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 reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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 December 12, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by November 24, 2003. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 2, 2003, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to UP's representative: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific

Valley Transportation Authority in December 2002. UP, however, retained the right to provide freight service, which it now seeks to abandon, over that segment of the right-of-way.

<sup>2</sup> 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 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.

<sup>3</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Dr., Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

UP has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by November 17, 2003. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. [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 November 12, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 4, 2003.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department

Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 12, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-1855.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-141402-02 NPRM and Temporary.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Limitation on Use of the Nonaccrual-Experience Method of Accounting Under Section 48(d)(5).

*Description:* The regulations provide four safe harbor nonaccrual-experience methods that will presumed to clearly reflect a taxpayer's nonaccrual experience, and for taxpayers who wish to compute their nonaccrual experience using a computation or formula other than the one of the four safe harbors provided, the requirements that must be met in order to use an alternative computation or formula to compute their nonaccrual experience.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 8,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours*  
*Recordkeeper:* 3 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 24,000 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* R. Joseph Durbala, (202) 622-3634, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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