

Surface Transportation Board¹**[Docket No. AB-3 (Sub-No. 131)]****Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—
Abandonment—Hope-Bridgeport Line
in Dickinson and Saline Counties, KS****[Docket No. AB-8 (Sub-No. 37)]²****The Denver and Rio Grande Western
Railroad Company—Discontinuance of
Trackage Rights—Hope-Bridgeport
Line in Dickinson and Saline Counties,
KS****AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.**ACTION:** Notice of findings.

SUMMARY: The Board has found that the public convenience and necessity permit the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company (MPRR) to abandon, and The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company to discontinue its trackage rights on, a line of railroad extending from milepost 459.20 near Hope to milepost 491.20 near Bridgeport, a distance of approximately 31.24 miles (milepost 478.05 = milepost 478.81) in Dickinson and Saline Counties, KS, subject to standard employee protective conditions, environmental conditions, and a 180-day trail use condition, all of which are set forth in Decision No. 44, served on August 12, 1996, in Finance Docket No. 32760.

DATES: The Board's decision will be effective on September 11, 1996. Any financial assistance offer must be filed with the Board and the railroads no later than August 22, 1996. Any offer previously made must be remade by the due date. A certificate will be issued unless the Board also finds that: (1) A financially responsible person has offered financial assistance (through

subsidy or purchase) to enable the rail service to continue; and (2) it is likely that the assistance would fully compensate the railroad.

ADDRESSES: Send offers referring to Docket Nos. AB-3 (Sub-No. 131) and AB-8 (Sub-No. 37) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Robert T. Opal, 1416 Dodge Street, Room #830, Omaha, NE 68179; and Gary A. Laakso, The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company, One Market Plaza, Room 846, San Francisco, CA 94105. The following notation must be typed in bold face on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope containing the offer: "Office of Proceedings, AB-OFA."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia M. Farr, (202) 927-5352. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's Decision No. 44 in Finance Docket No. 32760. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2229, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Information and procedures regarding financial assistance for continued rail service are contained in 49 U.S.C. 10905 and 49 CFR 1152.27.

Decided: August 6, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹**[Docket No. AB-3 (Sub-No. 130)]****Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—
Abandonment—Towner-NA Junction
Line in Kiowa, Crowley, and Pueblo
Counties, CO****[Docket No. AB-8 (Sub-No. 38)]²****AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the act provides, in general, that proceedings pending before the ICC on the effective date of that legislation shall be

**The Denver and Rio Grande Western
Railroad Company—Discontinuance of
Trackage Rights—Towner-NA Junction
Line in Kiowa, Crowley, and Pueblo
Counties, CO****ACTION:** Notice of findings.

SUMMARY: The Board has found that the public convenience and necessity permit the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company (MPRR) to abandon, and The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company to discontinue its overhead trackage rights operations over, MPRR's Towner-NA Junction Line, which extends between MP 869.4 near NA (North Avondale) Junction, CO, and MP 747.0 near Towner, CO, a distance of approximately 122.4 miles in Pueblo, Crowley, and Kiowa Counties, CO, subject to standard employee protective conditions, environmental conditions, and a 180-day trail use condition, all of which are set forth in Decision No. 44, served on August 12, 1996, in Finance Docket No. 32760.

DATES: The Board's decision will be effective on September 11, 1996. Any financial assistance offer must be filed with the Board and the railroads no later than August 22, 1996. Any offer previously made must be remade by the due date. A certificate will be issued unless the Board also finds that: (1) A financially responsible person has offered financial assistance (through subsidy or purchase) to enable the rail service to continue; and (2) it is likely that the assistance would fully compensate the railroad.

ADDRESSES: Send offers referring to Docket Nos. AB-3 (Sub-No. 130) and AB-8 (Sub-No. 38) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Robert T. Opal, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179; and Gary A. Laakso, The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company, One Market Plaza, Room 846, San Francisco, CA 94105. The following notation must be typed in

decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996, insofar as they involve functions retained by the Act. This notice relates to a proceeding that was pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903. Therefore, this notice applies the law in effect prior to the Act, and citations are to the former section of the statute, unless otherwise indicated.

² These proceedings are embraced in Finance Docket No. 32760, *Union Pacific Corporation, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—Control and Merger—Southern Pacific Rail Corporation, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, SPCSL Corp., and The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company.*

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Decided: August 6, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

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Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board ¹

[Docket No. AB-3 (Sub-No. 133X)]²

**Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—
Abandonment Exemption—Iowa
Junction Line-Manchester Line in
Jefferson Davis and Calcasieu
Parishes, LA**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10505, exempts from the prior approval

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² This exemption is related to Finance Docket No. 32760, *Union Pacific Corporation, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—Control and Merger—Southern Pacific Rail Corporation, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, SPCSL Corp., and The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company.*

requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04 the abandonment by Missouri Pacific Railroad Company of its approximately 8.5-mile rail line between milepost 680.0 near Iowa Junction and milepost 688.5 near Manchester in Jefferson Davis and Calcasieu Parishes, LA, subject to standard labor protective conditions, environmental conditions, a 180-day trail use condition, and a 180-day public use condition, all of which are set forth in Decision No. 44, served on August 12, 1996, in Finance Docket No. 32760.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance has been received, this exemption will be effective on September 11, 1996. Formal expressions of intent to file an offer of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) ³ and additional requests for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 22, 1996; petitions to stay must be filed by August 22, 1996; and petitions to reopen must be filed by September 3, 1996. Because the Board is imposing a 180-day public use condition in this proceeding, it is unnecessary to request this condition.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Docket No. AB-3 (Sub-No. 133X) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Robert T. Opal 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0830.

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By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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³ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

Surface Transportation Board ¹

[Docket No. AB-3 (Sub-No. 129X)]²

**Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—
Abandonment Exemption—Gurdon-
Camden Line in Clark, Nevada, and
Ouachita Counties, AR**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10505, exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-04 the abandonment by Missouri Pacific Railroad Company of its 28.7-mile rail line between milepost 428.3 near Gurdon and milepost 457.0 near Camden in Clark, Nevada, and Ouachita Counties, AR, subject to standard labor protective conditions, and environmental and historic preservation conditions as set forth in Decision No. 44, served on August 12, 1996, in Finance Docket No. 32760.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance has been received, this exemption will be effective on September 11, 1996. Formal expressions of intent to file an offer of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) ³ and requests for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 22, 1996; petitions to stay must be filed by August 22, 1996; requests for a public use condition must be filed by September 3, 1996; and petitions to reopen must be filed by September 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Docket No. AB-3 (Sub-No. 129X) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch,

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