

schedule is adjusted accordingly. In all other respects, the March 31 decision instituting this proceeding (as corrected on May 19) remains essentially the same.<sup>3</sup>

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: May 29, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

## Revised Procedural Schedule

July 8, 1998

Requests for new remedial conditions (with supporting evidence) filed.

August 7, 1998

Board notice of acceptance of requests for new conditions published in the **Federal Register**.

August 28, 1998

Notice of intent to participate in proceeding due.

September 18, 1998

All comments, evidence, and argument opposing requests for new remedial conditions to the merger due. Comments by U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Transportation due.

October 16, 1998

Rebuttal evidence and argument in support of requests for new conditions due.

The necessity of briefing, oral argument, and voting conference will be determined after the Board's review of the pleadings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 117X)]

### Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Lake County, CO

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an

approximately 1.8-mile portion of the Leadville Branch from milepost 274.3 near McWethy Drive to the end of the line at milepost 276.1 at the rail yard near U.S. Highway 24, in Leadville, Lake County, CO.<sup>1</sup> The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 80461.

UP has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic 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 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 July 4, 1998, unless stayed

<sup>1</sup> This notice of 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*.

The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company (DGRW) previously owned the involved line of railroad, which became a line on the UP after DRGW was merged into UP on June 30, 1997. However, the Board granted discontinuance authority rather than full abandonment over the Sage-Leadville Line in Docket No. AB-8 (Sub-No. 36X), *The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company—Discontinuance Exemption—Sage-Leadville Line in Eagle and Lake Counties, CO* and Docket No. AB-8 (Sub-No. 39), *The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company—Discontinuance—Malta-Canon City Line, In Lake, Chaffee and Fremont Counties, CO*, See Finance Docket No. 32760 (ICC served Aug. 12, 1996). In this filing, UP is seeking to abandon the stub end of the line.

The Lake County Board of County Commissioners (Lake County) filed a request for issuance of a notice of interim trail use (NITU) for the entire line pursuant to section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). The Board will address Lake County's trail use request, and any others that may be filed, in a subsequent decision.

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 June 15, 1998. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 24, 1998, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Joseph D. Anthofer, General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179.

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. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 9, 1998. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. 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 June 4, 1999, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: May 28, 1998.

<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 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 offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>3</sup> The only change in the timing of the presentations is that comments in opposition to requests for conditions will be due approximately six weeks after the Board's notice of acceptance of such requests is published in the **Federal Register**, rather than the approximately five weeks afforded in the initial schedule. That is because the oral argument in No. 96-1373, *Western Coal Traffic League v. STB* (D.C. Cir.), the proceeding reviewing the Board's UP/SP merger decision, will be held on September 11, 1998.



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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

May 26, 1998.

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 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 6, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

#### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0137.

Form Number: IRS Form 2032.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Contract Coverage Under Title II of the Social Security Act.

**Description:** American employers can enter into an agreement to extend social security coverage to U.S. citizens and resident aliens abroad by foreign affiliates.

**Respondents:** Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

**Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:** 160.

**Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:**

Recordkeeping—2 hrs., 9 min.

Learning about the law or the form—24 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS—27 min.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:** 480 hours.

**Clearance Officer:** Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**OMB Reviewer:** Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New

Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

May 28, 1998.

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 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 6, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

#### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: New.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: New collection.

Title: Simplified Tax and Wage Reporting System (STAWRS): Tax and Wage Reporting Survey.

**Description:** This is a generical clearance for a level of customer interest survey and focus group interviews to reduce employer tax burden to be conducted over the next year.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,000.

**Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:** 20 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Other (one time only).

**Estimated Total Reporting Burden:** 335 hours.

**Clearance Officer:** Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**OMB Reviewer:** Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 26, 1998.

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 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 19, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** In order to conduct the survey described below in June 1998, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by June 10, 1998. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Bureau of the Public Debt Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

#### Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD)

OMB Number: 1535-0122.

Project Number: BPD 98-1.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: 1998 Treasury Director

Customer Service Survey

**Description:** The survey will be used to gather some general information about Public Debt's customers, their interest in new services, and most importantly, their level of satisfaction with Treasury Direct. Public Debt hopes to obtain the following objectives to improve its customer service:

- Determine the satisfaction level with the Treasury Direct program and its customer service;
- Explore ways to meet the future needs of its customers and chart its future; and
- Complete a detailed profit of current customers so Public Debt can:
  - Identify existing and potential market segments, and
  - Define marketing strategies and potential services Public Debt may want to develop.

**Respondents:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 2,000.

**Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:** 7 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Other (one-time only).