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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 112X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--
IN LANCASTER COUNTY, NE

Decided: June 25, 1999

A decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment (NITU) served on September 24, 1997, authorized the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) to abandon a 1.88-mile segment of its Lincoln Branch between milepost 494.76 near 10th Street and milepost 492.88 near 33rd Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, NE. By decision served July 7, 1998, UP was granted a 1-year extension until September 24, 1999, to exercise the abandonment authority. The extension was necessary because the line is being used to deliver grain trains to the Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice Railroad Company and to provide service to Lincoln Lumber Company while new trackage is being constructed.

Because construction of this new trackage will not be completed prior to September 24, 1999, UP requests a second 1-year extension until September 24, 2000. UP has shown good cause to extend the time to consummate the abandonment and for filing a notice of consummation in this proceeding. Accordingly, the request will be granted.

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

It is ordered:

1. UP's second request for a 1-year extension of time to exercise the abandonment authority is granted.
2. The authority to abandon is scheduled to expire on September 24, 2000.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary