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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33488]

Norfolk and Western Railway Company--Trackage Rights Exemption--Union Pacific Railroad
Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company has agreed to grant local and overhead trackage rights to Norfolk and Western Railway Company (NW) over approximately 50.2 miles of rail line located in Illinois as follows: (1) local access trackage rights over approximately 4.7 miles of line between Monterey Lead milepost 4.4 at Monterey Mine No. 1 (near Carlinville) and Monterey Lead milepost 0.0 at Monterey Junction, and both legs of the wye track and related trackage between milepost 104.5 and milepost 104.8 at Monterey Junction; (2) local access trackage rights over approximately 15.0 miles of line between milepost 104.8 at Monterey Junction, and milepost 119.8 at DeCamp; (3) overhead trackage rights over approximately 15.4 miles of line between milepost 119.8 at DeCamp and milepost 135.2 at Edwardsville; and (4) overhead trackage rights over approximately 15.1 miles of line between milepost 135.2 at Edwardsville and milepost 150.3 at Madison. The transaction is expected to be consummated on or soon after October 15, 1997, the effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the proposed trackage rights is to permit the movement of coal traffic directly between Monterey Mine No. 1 and Madison, IL, and on to Coffeen, IL, entirely via NW; and to eliminate costly delays in handling and interchanges.

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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33488, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 and served on: James R. Paschall, General Attorney, Norfolk and Western Railway Company, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191.

Decided: October 14, 1997.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary