

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33323

CHICAGO RAIL LINK, L.L.C.--LEASE AND OPERATION EXEMPTION--  
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: May 21, 1997

On December 18, 1996, Chicago Rail Link, L.L.C. (CRL) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately 8.5 miles of specified rail lines owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) in UP's Irondale Yard, Chicago, IL. The exemption became effective on December 25, 1996, and the transaction was consummated on January 2, 1997. The notice of exemption was served and published on January 9, 1997 (62 FR 1357).

On January 13, 1997, Joseph C. Szabo, on behalf of United Transportation Union-Illinois Legislative Board (UTU-IL), filed a petition to revoke the exemption. UTU-IL supplemented its petition on February 27, 1997.<sup>1</sup> The petition, as supplemented, raises issues that require further consideration by the Board.

By this decision, the Board is instituting a proceeding under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) to consider UTU's revocation request. Pending motions will be handled in a subsequent decision. At this juncture, there does not appear to be a need for the parties to submit additional evidence or argument on any issues. Should the need arise, a supplemental decision will be issued.

*It is ordered:*

1. Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d), a proceeding is instituted to consider UTU's revocation request.
2. This proceeding will be completed by February 27, 1998.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> CRL has filed a reply to the initial petition and a motion to strike the supplement; UTU has filed a reply to the motion to strike.