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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 185X)

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--
SUMAN-BRYAN LINE IN BRAZOS, AND ROBERTSON COUNTIES, TX

Decided: June 8, 1998

In 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, Finance Docket No. 32760, Decision No. 44 (STB served Aug. 12, 1996), the Board granted the petition of Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPT) for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of former 49 U.S.C. 10903-04 to abandon the approximately 12.53 miles of railroad line between milepost 117.6 near Suman, TX, and milepost 105.07 near Benchley, TX. On May 15, 1998, the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), as successor in interest to the SPT, filed a letter stating that it “has decided to retain this line and to not exercise the abandonment authority.” UP asks that the Board vacate the abandonment exemption.

It appears from UP’s statement that abandonment of the line has not been consummated and, consequently, that the Board retains jurisdiction. Accordingly, UP’s request will be granted and the abandonment exemption granted by the Board in Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 185X) will be vacated.

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

It is ordered:

1. The abandonment exemption granted in Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 185X) is vacated.
2. This proceeding is discontinued.
3. This decision is effective on the date of service.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary