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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 122X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--
IN MONROE AND JUNEAU COUNTIES, WI

Decided: August 18, 1998

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights to abandon and discontinue service over a 8.4-mile line of railroad on the Camp Douglas Industrial Lead from milepost 174.3 near Wyeville to the end of the line at milepost 182.7 near Camp Douglas, in Monroe and Juneau Counties, WI. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on July 20, 1998 (63 FR 38879-80) (July 20 decision). The exemption had been scheduled to become effective on August 19, 1998, but by letters filed on July 29, 1998, and August 10, 1998, UP has advised the Board that it will not exercise the authority granted in the July 20 decision but that it will instead retain the line as common carrier trackage subject to the Board's jurisdiction. Consistent with the advice in those letters, by facsimile dated August 18, 1998, UP has requested that the Board vacate the abandonment authorization made in the decision served July 20, 1998. Accordingly, the authorization contained in the July 20 decision will be vacated and the proceeding will be dismissed.

As conditioned, this decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The authorization contained in the notice served and published on July 20, 1998, in this proceeding is vacated.
2. The proceeding is dismissed.

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3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary