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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 116X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company--Abandonment Exemption--in Salt Lake County, UT

On June 12, 1998, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903-10905¹ to abandon three rail line segments as follows: (1) the Provo Subdivision, between milepost 799.0 and milepost 800.26 (1.26 miles); (2) the Passenger Line Industrial Lead, between milepost 782.32 and milepost 782.79 (0.47-mile); and (3) the Provo Subdivision Running Track Passenger Line, between milepost 744.20 and milepost 745.48 (1.28 miles), a total distance of 3.01 miles in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, UT. The line segments traverse U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 84101 and 84104. The line segments include the non-agency rail stations of Grant Tower (milepost 800.10), Salt Lake City (milepost 782.79), UP 9th St. Crossing (milepost 744.20), and Salt Lake City (milepost 745.40).

¹ In addition to an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903, UP seeks exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10904 (offer of financial assistance procedures) and 49 U.S.C. 10905 (public use conditions). UP also requests "that the exemptions be effective on the date after the date of service" of the final decision. These requests will be addressed in the final decision.

The line segments do not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line R. Co.-Abandonment - Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by September 30, 1998.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line segments, the segments may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than July 22, 1998.² Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 116X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Joseph D.

² UP states that the line segments are located on Salt Lake City streets within a city project area which is commonly referred to as the Gateway Project. UP points out that exemption from the OFA procedures and public use conditions will allow a prompt conveyance of the right-of-way underlying the line segments to the Utah Department of Transportation and Salt Lake City Corporation, as required for the city's Gateway Project.

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Anthofer, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0830. Replies to the UP petition are due on or before July 22, 1998.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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Decided: June 25, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary