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SERVICE DATE - JANUARY 14, 2000

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 140)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY—ABANDONMENT—  
IN LANCASTER AND GAGE COUNTIES, NE, AND MARSHALL COUNTY, KS

Decided: January 13, 2000

By decision and certificate of interim trail use or abandonment (CITU) served December 17, 1999,<sup>1</sup> the Board approved an application under 49 U.S.C. 10903 by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) to abandon a 57.72-mile rail line known as the Beatrice Branch extending from milepost 66 near Jamaica, NE, to milepost 125 near Marietta, KS,<sup>2</sup> in Lancaster and Gage Counties, NE, and Marshall County, KS. The abandonment is scheduled to become effective on January 16, 2000. On January 3, 2000, Southeast Nebraska Cooperative Co. (SNC) filed a petition to stay the effective date pending disposition of its accompanying petition asking that we reopen the proceeding and find that the public convenience and necessity does not permit abandonment of the 28.72-mile line segment between milepost 95 and milepost 125. UP replied.

A brief housekeeping stay of the effective date of the abandonment with respect to the 28.72-mile line segment between milepost 95 and milepost 125 is appropriate to permit the Board to fully consider the issues raised in SNC's petition to reopen. Accordingly, the effective date of the decision as it relates to that portion of the line will be extended until January 31, 2000.

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

It is ordered:

1. The effective date of the abandonment with respect to the 28.72-mile line segment between milepost 95 and milepost 125 is stayed until January 31, 2000.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

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<sup>1</sup> A corrected decision and CITU was served on December 22, 1999.

<sup>2</sup> The track mileage is 1.28 miles less than the milepost differential because a track relocation on the line between Beatrice and Holmesville, NE, created a milepost discontinuity. (Milepost 101.72 now coincides with milepost 103.)

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By the Board, Linda J. Morgan, Chairman.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary