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SERVICE DATE - FEBRUARY 28, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 107X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY--ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION--IN CERRO GORDO COUNTY, IA

Decided: February 26, 1997

On February 10, 1997, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights to abandon an approximately 3.25-mile line of its railroad known as the Fort Dodge Branch, from milepost 60.5, near Flint, to milepost 63.75, near Burchinal, in Cerro Gordo County, IA.

By facsimile filed February 24, 1997, UP requests withdrawal of its notice of exemption. UP states that the proposed abandonment of the Fort Dodge Branch between Flint and Burchinal would allow the Iowa Department of Transportation to avoid construction of an overpass on U.S. Highway 18 near Mason City. UP further states as a result of a recent meeting in Des Moines, it appears that there may be issues to be discussed and resolved regarding this project. Therefore, the request to withdraw the notice of exemption will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. UP's request to withdraw its notice of exemption is granted.
2. The proceeding is dismissed.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary