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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 193X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY–ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION–
IN UTAH COUNTY, UT

Decided: December 23, 2002

On November 12, 2002, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F–Exempt Abandonments for UP to abandon a 2.83-mile portion of the Provo Industrial Lead from milepost 753.27 near Provo, to milepost 756.10 near Gatex, in Utah County, UT. Notice of the exemption was served on December 2, 2002, and published in the Federal Register (67 FR 72270) on December 4, 2002. The exemption was scheduled to become effective on January 1, 2003.

On December 6, 2002, the Board’s Section of Environmental Analysis issued its environmental assessment (EA) recommending notification and consultation conditions prior to salvage operations. The EA contained an incorrect description of the rail line. Comments to the EA were to be due by December 23, 2002. A corrected EA that was served on December 23, 2002, contains the correct description of the rail line. Comments regarding the EA are now due on January 7, 2003. Accordingly, due to the new comment date, the effective date of the exemption will be extended to January 14, 2003.

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 exemption in this proceeding, notice of which was published on December 4, 2002, is extended to January 14, 2003.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary