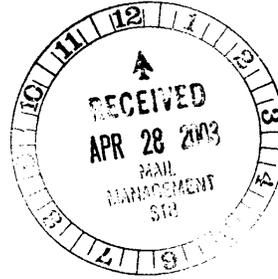


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April 21, 2003

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 "K" Street, N.W.  
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**RE: Notice of Discontinuance of Service - STB Docket No. AB-33  
(Sub No. 178X), Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment  
Exemption - in Yuma and Maricopa Counties, Arizona (Phoenix  
Subdivision)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

By a letter dated December 19, 2002, UP filed a motion to amend its Notice of Exemption from an abandonment to a discontinuance of service with respect to the above-referenced Line. In the Board's decision, service Date December 23, 2002, the motion was granted to reflect discontinuance of service over the Line rather than authority to abandon the Line. This is to advise that the Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP"), with regard to the subject Notice of Exemption, has discontinued service on the Phoenix Subdivision from Milepost 782.25 near Roll, Arizona, to Milepost 858.86 near Arlington, Arizona, pursuant to authority granted in the Board's Decision served December 23, 2002, and in the Board's Notice, service November 22, 2002, as of April 21, 2003.

The Board's Decision of December 23, 2002 imposed the following conditions: (1) a geodetic survey notice condition, (2) a consultation condition with the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Services prior to salvaging, and (3) a preservation condition to retain interest and take no steps to alter the historical integrity of all sites or structures on the right-of-way until completion of section 106 process. All of these conditions apply to an abandonment of the Line, and UP contemplates that such conditions would be re-imposed by the Board when and if UP files to abandon the Line. The minimal salvage activity contemplated is to suspend maintenance of the grade crossings and signal systems along the Line and temporarily remove or pave over rail at certain grade crossing intersections as they require replacement or repair. An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

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Sincerely,

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