

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY



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The Honorable Anne Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**JOINT NOTICE OF AGREEMENT  
TO PURCHASE THE SIKESTON LINE**

**Re: In the Matter of an Offer of Financial Assistance Related to a portion of the Line covered by Proposed Abandonment of the Essex to Miner Line from M.P. 196.7 near Essex to M.P. 216.27 near Miner, a distance of 19.57 miles in New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, Missouri; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261)**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The purpose of this joint notice is to advise the Board that the Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") and Mississippi Central Railroad Co. ("MSCI") have reached an agreement in principle for the purchase of that portion of the 19.57 mile Line covered by the above-referenced abandonment application from Milepost 208.95 near Sikeston, Missouri to Milepost 213.8, in Sikeston, Missouri, a distance of 4.85 miles, all being in Scott County, Missouri (the "Sikeston Line"), and in the interest of efficiency and cost savings, further action by the Board with regard to the subject Offer of Financial Assistance is not required at this time.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. 1152.27(f)(2), UP and MSCI plan on entering into a purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") for the Sikeston Line which will result in continued rail service on that portion of the Line covered by the above-referenced abandonment. Upon entering into said Purchase Agreement, both UP and MSCI will so inform the Board in writing and seek a decision from the Board approving the transaction and dismissing the UP's application for abandonment for the 4.85 mile portion of the 19.57 mile Essex to Miner Line, herein referred to as the Sikeston Line.

Respectfully submitted,

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