

assistance has been received, this exemption will be effective on September 11, 1996. Formal expressions of intent to file an offer of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)³ must be filed by August 22, 1996; petitions to stay must be filed by August 22, 1996; and petitions to reopen must be filed by September 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Docket Nos. AB-8 (Sub-No. 36X) and AB-12 (Sub-No. 189X) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Gary A. Laakso, General Attorney, Southern Pacific Building, One Market Plaza, Room 846, San Francisco, CA 94105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia M. Farr, (202) 927-5352. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's Decision No. 44 in Finance Docket No. 32760. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2229, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services: (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: August 6, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 96)]²

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment—Barr-Girard Line in Menard, Sangamon and Macoupin Counties, IL

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Notice of findings.

SUMMARY: The Board has found that the public convenience and necessity permit the Union Pacific Railroad Company to abandon approximately 38.4 miles of rail line extending near milepost 51.0 near Barr to milepost 89.4 near Girard in Menard, Sangamon, and Macoupin Counties, IL, subject to standard employee protective conditions, environmental and historic preservation conditions, a 180-day public use condition, and a 180-day trail use condition, all of which are set forth in Decision No. 44, served on August 12, 1996, in Finance Docket No. 32760. **DATES:** The Board's decision will be effective on September 11, 1996. Any financial assistance offer must be filed with the Board and the railroad no later than August 22, 1996. Any offer previously made must be remade by the due date. A certificate will be issued unless the Board also finds that: (1) A financially responsible person has offered financial assistance (through subsidy or purchase) to enable the rail service to continue; and (2) it is likely that the assistance would fully compensate the railroad.

ADDRESSES: Send offers referring to Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 96) to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Robert T. Opal, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179. The following

¹The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the act provides, in general, that proceedings pending before the ICC on the effective date of that legislation shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996, insofar as they involve functions retained by the Act. This notice relates to a proceeding that was pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10903. Therefore, this notice applies the law in effect prior to the Act, and citations are to the former section of the statute, unless otherwise indicated.

²This proceeding is embraced in Finance Docket No. 32760, *Union Pacific Corporation, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—Control and Merger—Southern Pacific Rail Corporation, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, SPCSL Corp., and The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company.*

notation must be typed in bold face on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope containing the offer: "Office of Proceedings, AB-OFA."

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Information and procedures regarding financial assistance for continued rail service are contained in 49 U.S.C. 10905 and 49 CFR 1152.27.

Decided: August 6, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 98X)]²

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption— Edwardsville-Madison Line In Madison County, IL

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10505, exempts from the prior approval

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³See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C. 2d 164 (1987).