

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS—Continued

Applica- tion No.	Applicant	Rea- son for delay	Estimated date of com- pletion
4354-M	PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA	4	02/28/1997
5493-M	Montana Sulphur & Chemical Co., Billings, MT	4	02/28/1997
6117-M	Montana Sulphur & Chemical Co., Billings, MT	4	03/31/1997
8556-M	Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA	4	01/31/1997
9184-M	The Carbide/Graphite Group, Inc., Louisville, KY	4	12/31/1996
9413-M	EM Science, Cincinnati, OH	4	03/31/1997
9706-M	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA	4	01/31/1997
9909-M	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA	4	01/31/1997
10511-M	Schlumberger Technology Corporation, Houston, TX	4	12/31/1996
10517-M	Nalco Chemical Co., Naperville, IL	4	12/31/1996
10798-M	Olin Corp., Stamford, CT	4	02/28/1997
11005-M	Pressure Technology, Inc., Hanover, MD	4	12/31/1996
11058-M	Spex Certiprep Inc., Metuchen, NJ	4	03/31/1997
11171-M	Dart Container Corp. of PA, Leola, PA	4	01/31/1997
11321-M	E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington, DE	4	01/31/1997

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33305]

**Union Pacific Railroad Company—
Acquisition Exemption—Idaho
Northern & Pacific Railroad Company**

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), a Class I rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2 to acquire trackage and right-of-way owned by Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad Company (INP) and previously authorized for abandonment, subject to negotiations for trail use,¹ between milepost 1.0, near Weiser, and milepost 84.1 at Rubicon, in Washington and Adams Counties, ID (Line). UP notes that it has no plan to reactivate rail service on the Line at this time, although reactivation for rail service would be possible in the future if the Line were conveyed to a trail user under the Trails Act. In its notice, UP has stated that, if trail use negotiations are unsuccessful, UP will abandon the Line pursuant to the authorization granted in Docket No. AB-433 (Sub-No. 2X).

UP's acquisition transaction was expected to be consummated on or after December 19, 1996.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees adversely affected by the transaction will be protected under *New*

¹ Abandonment of the Line was authorized in *Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance Exemption—in Washington and Adams Counties, ID*, Docket No. AB-433 (Sub-No. 2X) (ICC served Nov. 1, 1995). In addition, the Interstate Commerce Commission, by decision served December 28, 1995, issued a notice of interim trail use under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (Trails Act).

**York Dock Ry.—Control—Brooklyn
Eastern Dist., 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).**

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33305, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, Esq., 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68179.

Decided: December 23, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[STB Docket No. AB-481X]

**South Plains Lamesa Railroad, Ltd.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Dawson
and Lynn Counties, TX**

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

SUMMARY: The Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 the abandonment by South Plains Lamesa Railroad, Ltd., of 49.06 miles of rail line between milepost 5.00 near Slaton and milepost 54.06 near Lamesa, in Dawson and Lynn Counties, TX, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial

assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on February 3, 1997. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR

1152.27(c)(2)¹ must be filed by January 13, 1997; petitions to stay must be filed by January 21, 1997; requests for a public use condition conforming to 49 CFR 1152.28(a)(2) must be filed by January 23, 1997; and petitions to reopen must be filed by January 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to STB Docket No. AB-481X to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423, and (2) Petitioner's representative: William R. Power, 5840 West Interstate 20, 260 Cordovan Park, Arlington, TX 76017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., Room 2229, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services: (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: December 23, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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¹ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).