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Operators should refer to recommended practices provided by national consensus standards organizations, such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) standards B31.4 and B31.8, NACE International (NACE) corrosion standards, and Gas Piping Technology Committee (GPTC) guidance documents for help in addressing stray underground electrical current interference on gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines.

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Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34426]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over BNSF's rail line between BNSF milepost 768.89 near Dallas (Forest Avenue), TX, and BNSF milepost 60.6 near Houston (Belt Junction), TX, a distance of approximately 247.5 miles.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on November 1, 2003,² and the authorization is scheduled to expire on or about December 23, 2003. The purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to facilitate maintenance work on UP lines.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the temporary trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), *aff'd sub nom. Railway Labor Executives' Ass'n v. United States*, 675 F.2d 1248 (D.C. Cir. 1982).

¹ The trackage rights involve BNSF subdivisions with non-contiguous mileposts. Therefore, total mileage does not correspond to the milepost designations of the endpoints.

² The notice was filed with the Board on October 23, 2003. Accordingly, the earliest the transaction could be consummated was October 30, 2003 (7 days after filing under 49 CFR 1180.4(g)).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8).³ If it 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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34426, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert T. Opal, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179.

Board decisions and notices are available on the Board's Web site at "<http://www.stb.dot.gov>."

Decided: November 3, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34420]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Memphis Line; R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Central Kentucky Lines, LLC—Trackage Rights Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.

Pursuant to a written master trackage rights agreement dated October 15, 2003, R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Memphis Line (RJCM) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) between CSXT milepost F-118.74/RJCM milepost LF-118.74 at Memphis Junction, KY, and RJCM milepost D-152 at Lewisburg, KY, a distance of approximately 33 miles, and CSXT has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Central Kentucky Lines, LLC (RJCC) between CSXT milepost VB113.81 at Winchester, KY, connecting to CSXT's CC Subdivision at milepost KC96.1 and CSXT milepost KC131.0 at Berea, KY, a distance of approximately 35 miles.

³ The Board adopted a new class exemption for trackage rights that, by their terms, are for overhead operations only and expire on a date certain, not to exceed 1 year from the effective date of the exemption. See *Railroad Consolidation Procedures—Exemption for Temporary Trackage Rights*, STB Ex Parte No. 282 (Sub-No. 20) (STB served May 23, 2003).

The parties state that consummation of the transaction was scheduled to occur on November 1, 2003.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to provide run through unit train service between Berea and Louisville, KY, and between Louisville and Lewisburg, KY.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 will not automatically stay the exemption.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34420, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Michael W. Blaszk, 211 South Leitch Ave., La Grange, IL 60525-2162, and Ronald A. Lane, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 211X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—In Alameda County, CA

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 5.38-mile line of railroad in the Milpitas Subdivision from milepost 0.00 near Clark Drive at Niles Junction to milepost 5.38 near Washington Boulevard, in or near Fremont, Alameda County, CA.¹

¹ The portion of the line extending from milepost 2.61 to the end of the proposed abandonment at milepost 5.38 was sold by UP to the Santa Clara