

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2006-2)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the second quarter 2006 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The second quarter 2006 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.178. The second quarter 2006 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.562. The second quarter 2006 RCAF-5 is 0.537.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mac Frampton, (202) 565-1541. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, e-mail or call the Board's contractor, ASAP Document Solutions; 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706; e-mail asapdc@verizon.net; phone (202) 306-4004. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: March 15, 2006.

By the Board, Chairman Buttrey and Vice Chairman Mulvey.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Docket No. AB-992X]

Atlantic & Pacific Railroad and Transportation Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Rice County, KS

On March 2, 2006, Atlantic & Pacific Railroad and Transportation Company (APR) filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue service over an approximately 4-mile line of railroad owned by the Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad (KO) and located in Rice County, KS.¹ The line extends from the point of interchange with KO's line at approximately milepost 87.0 (at or near Chase, KS), to the point of interchange with KO's line at approximately milepost 91.0 (at or near Silica, KS). The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 67524, 67554, and 67573, and includes no stations.

APR states that, as it is not the owner of the line, it does not have information on whether the line contains Federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the possession of the railroad will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by June 20, 2006.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).²

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-992X and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and

¹ APR was granted an exemption to lease and operate the line in *Atlantic & Pacific Railroad and Transportation Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad*, STB Finance Docket No. 34451 (STB served July 20, 2004). According to APR, the line has no active shippers and no rail service has been performed during the lease term.

² Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise, no environmental or historic documentation is required under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 1105.8.

(2) Rose-Michele Nardi, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. Replies to the petition are due on or before April 11, 2006.

Persons seeking further information concerning discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

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

Decided: March 16, 2006.

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. 34554 (Sub-No. 5)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Partial Revocation of Exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, revokes the class exemption as it pertains to the modified trackage rights described in STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 4)¹ to permit the trackage rights to expire on or about December 31, 2006, in accordance with

¹ On February 13, 2006, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) concurrently filed a verified notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). The notice covered the agreement by BNSF to extend the expiration date of the local trackage rights granted to UP over BNSF's line of railroad between BNSF milepost 579.3 near Mill Creek, OK, and BNSF milepost 631.1 near Joe Junction, TX, a distance of approximately 51 miles. UP submits that the trackage rights are only temporary rights, but, because they are "local" rather than "overhead" rights, they do not qualify for the Board's class exemption for temporary trackage rights at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). *See Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34554 (Sub-No. 4) (STB served Mar. 3, 2006).