

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34877]

Iowa River Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of North Central Railway Association, Inc., and Union Pacific Railroad Company

Iowa River Railroad, Inc. (IRR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31¹ to acquire (by purchase) and operate rail lines from: (1) North Central Railway Association, Inc., extending between milepost 201.46 at or near Ackley and milepost 212.0 at or near Steamboat Rock, a distance of 10.54 miles, in Hardin County, IA; and (2) Union Pacific Railroad Company, extending between milepost 212.0 at or near Steamboat Rock and milepost 243.35 at or near Marshalltown, a distance of 31.35 miles, in Hardin and Marshall Counties, IA. The total distance of rail lines to be purchased and operated by IRR is 41.89 miles.

IRR certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

IRR stated that the transaction would be consummated no sooner than 7 days after June 5, 2006.

If the verified 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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34877 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on: T. Scott Bannister, T. Scott Bannister & Associates, 111—Fifty-Sixth Street, Des Moines, IA 50312.

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Decided: June 27, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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¹ IRR's notice of exemption originally was filed on May 23, 2006, but was amended on June 1 and June 5, 2006. Therefore, the official filing date for the notice of exemption is June 5, 2006.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 34850 (Sub-No. 1)]

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

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), pursuant to an amended written trackage rights agreement entered into between UP and BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), has agreed to grant limited temporary overhead trackage rights to BNSF eastbound trains on: (1) UP's Dallas Subdivision from Tower 55 at Ft. Worth, TX (milepost 245.3), to Longview, TX (milepost 89.6); (2) UP's Little Rock Subdivision from Longview (milepost 89.6) to North Little Rock, AR (milepost 343.6); (3) UP's Hoxie Subdivision from North Little Rock (milepost 343.6) to Bald Knob, AR (milepost 287.9); and (4) UP's Memphis Subdivision from Bald Knob (milepost 287.9) to Kentucky Street, Memphis, TN (UP milepost 378.1), a distance of 542.2 miles. UP has also agreed to grant limited overhead trackage rights to BNSF for westbound trains on: (1) UP's Memphis Subdivision from Kentucky Street to Briark, AR (milepost 375.3); (2) UP's Brinkley Subdivision (milepost 4.1) to Brinkley, AR (milepost 70.6); (3) UP's Jonesboro Subdivision (milepost 200.5) to Pine Bluff, AR (milepost 264.2); (4) UP's Pine Bluff Subdivision (milepost 264.2) to Big Sandy, TX (milepost 525.1); and (5) UP's Dallas Subdivision (milepost 114.5) to Tower 55 at Ft. Worth (milepost 245.3), a distance of 526.3 miles.

The original trackage rights granted in *BNSF Railway Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34850 (STB served Apr. 7, 2006) covered the same lines. The purpose of this transaction is to extend the expiration date of the trackage rights to July 15, 2006.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on July 3, 2006. The temporary trackage rights will facilitate a programmed maintenance outage.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of 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), and any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line*

R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). 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. 34850 (Sub-No. 1), 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 Sidney L. Strickland, Jr. 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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Decided: June 29, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 441X)]

BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Kootenai County, ID

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 2.12 miles of rail line, extending from milepost 12.33 to milepost 14.45, in Coeur d'Alene in Kootenai County, ID. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 83814 and 83816.

BNSF has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line to be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR