

and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35344]

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

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement dated December 16, 2009, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over a BNSF line of railroad known as the Thayer Subdivision extending between BNSF milepost 483.8 (Kentucky Street) and BNSF milepost 486.0 (KC Junction) in Memphis, Tenn., a distance of approximately 2.2 miles.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on May 6, 2010, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption is filed). The purpose of the trackage rights agreement is to allow UP to interchange railcars with Canadian National Railway Company (CN) at CN's Johnson Yard in Memphis.

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.—Trackage Rights—Burlington N., Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry.—Lease and Operate—Cal. W. R.R.*, 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 *Or. Short Line R.R.—Aban. Portion—Goshen Branch Between Firth and Ammon, in Bingham and Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by April 29, 2010 (at least 7 days

before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35344, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room #1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

Decided: April 19, 2010.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[eDocket Number: **TREAS-DO-2010-0001**;
eDocket Number: **HUD-2010-0029**]

Public Input on Reform of the Housing Finance System

AGENCIES: Office of the Undersecretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Information.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the Obama Administration's commitment to openness and transparency and the President's Open Government Initiative, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) seek public input on establishing a more stable and sound housing finance system.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* July 21, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice according to the instructions for "Electronic Submission of Comments" below. All submissions must refer to the document title and one of the above docket numbers. Treasury and HUD encourage the early submission of comments.

Electronic Submission of Comments. Interested persons must submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [http://](http://www.regulations.gov)

www.regulations.gov. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt, and enables Treasury or HUD to make them available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

Note: To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through the method specified above. Again, all submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the notice.

No Facsimile Comments. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

Public Inspection of Public Comments. All properly submitted comments will be available for inspection and downloading at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Additional Instructions. Please note the number of the question to which you are responding at the top of each response. Though the responses will be screened for obscenities and appropriateness, in general comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are immediately available to the public. Do not enclose any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general inquiries, submission process questions or any additional information, please call 202-622-7653. All responses to this Notice and Request for Information should be submitted via <http://www.regulations.gov> to ensure consideration.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Treasury and HUD seek public comment on the following questions:

1. How should federal housing finance objectives be prioritized in the context of the broader objectives of housing policy? Commentary could address: Policy for sustainable homeownership; rental policy; balancing rental and ownership; how to account for regional differences; and affordability goals.

2. What role should the federal government play in supporting a stable, well-functioning housing finance system and what risks, if any, should the federal government bear in meeting its housing finance objectives? Commentary could address: Level of government involvement and type of support provided; role of government