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All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: June 10, 2003.

Kenneth N. Weinstein,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34353 (Sub-No. 1)]

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

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Petition for Partial Revocation.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, revokes the class exemption as it pertains to the trackage rights described in STB Finance Docket No. 34353¹ to permit the trackage rights to: (1) Expire on or about June 22, 2003, for northbound trains; and (2) expire on or about October 16, 2003, for southbound trains, in accordance with the agreement of the parties.

DATES: This action is effective on June 20, 2003. Petitions to reopen must be filed by July 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance

Docket No. 34353 (Sub-No. 1) must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioners' representative: Robert T. Opal, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph H. Dettmar (202) 565-1600.
[Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

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: Dā-2-Dā Legal Copy Service, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 293-7776. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339.]

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "<http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV>."

Decided: June 9, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-156 (Sub-No. 23X)]

Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc., d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Albany County, NY

Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc., d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway Company (D&H), has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 9.14± mile portion of railroad known as the Albany Main or the Voorheesville Running Track, between milepost 10.94± and milepost 1.8± in Albany County, NY. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 12202, 12207, 12054, and 12186.

D&H has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic can be, and has been, rerouted over other lines; (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 (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 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on July 16, 2003, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by June 26, 2003. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by July 7, 2003, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Diane P. Gerth, 150 South Fifth Street, Suite 2300, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

D&H has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 20, 2003. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1552. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each of OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

¹ On May 9, 2003, the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) 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 The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to UP over a BNSF line of railroad between BNSF milepost 42.9 near Paola, KS, and BNSF milepost 633.0 near Joe Jct., TX, a distance of approximately 428.2 miles. See *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34353 (STB served May 29, 2003). The trackage rights operations under the exemption were scheduled to begin May 16, 2003.