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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33643]

Union Pacific Railroad Company--Trackage Rights Exemption--Wisconsin Central, Ltd.

Wisconsin Central, Ltd. (WC) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) between milepost 308.5 near Owen, WI, extending to milepost 352.2 at Chippewa Falls, WI, extending to milepost 432.1 Withrow, MN, a distance of 123.6 miles.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on August 25, 1998.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit UP to use WC's trackage in an efficient and economical routing of through traffic.

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 transaction.

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An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33643, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, #830, Omaha, NE 68179.

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Decided: August 27, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary