

800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), D&H shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by D&H's filing of a notice of consummation by June 16, 2004, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: June 9, 2003.

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 Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 201X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—In Franklin County, IA

On May 27, 2003, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 7.84-mile line of railroad, in the western portion of the Bristow Subdivision, extending from milepost 318.66, near Hampton, to milepost 326.50, near Coulter, in Franklin County, IA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 50431 and 50441 and includes no stations.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in UP's possession 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 September 12, 2003.

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 a \$1,100 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than July 7, 2003. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 201X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606. Replies to the UP petition are due on or before July 7, 2003.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment 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 (SEA) at (202) 565-1552. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary), prepared by SEA, will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days after the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices, Treasury: Study of the Potential Effects of Acts of Terrorism on the Availability of Other Lines of Insurance

SUMMARY: The terrorism insurance legislation enacted on November 26, 2002, requires the Secretary of the Treasury (Treasury), after consultation with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), representatives of the insurance industry, and other experts in the insurance field, to conduct a study of the potential effects of acts of terrorism on the availability of life insurance and other lines of insurance coverage, including personal lines, and to submit a report to the Congress on the results of the study by August 26, 2003. To assist in the study, the Treasury is soliciting comments on the questions listed below.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments by e-mail to Otherlinesstudy@do.treas.gov, or by mail to Lucy Huffman, Office of Microeconomic Analysis, U.S. Treasury Department, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20220. Please include your name, affiliation, address, e-mail address (if applicable), and telephone number. All submissions should be captioned "Comments on Study of Other Lines".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucy Huffman, Project Manager, Office of Microeconomic Analysis, 202-622-0198; or John Worth, Director, Office of Microeconomic Analysis, 202-622-2683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 103(i) of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-297) (Act) requires the Treasury, after consultation with the NAIC, representatives of the insurance industry, and other experts in the insurance field, to conduct a study of "the potential effects of acts of terrorism on the availability of life insurance and other lines of insurance coverage, including personal lines". The Treasury is directed to submit a report to the Congress on the results of the study not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of the Act.

To assist in the study, Treasury is soliciting comment in response to the following questions, including empirical data in support of such comments where appropriate and available.