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A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to CSXT's representative: Steven C. Armbrust, Esq., 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. CSXT has filed an environmental and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by May 16, 2006. 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) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] 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), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned its line. If consummation has not been effected by CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by May 11, 2007, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

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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 OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee which as of April 19, 2006, is set for \$1,300. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services—2006 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 13) (STB served Mar. 20, 2006). See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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. 223X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Smith County, TX

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 7.25-mile line of railroad, the Tyler Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 0.25 near Troup to milepost 7.50 near Whitehouse, in Smith County, TX. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 75789 and 75791. UP 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; (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 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 June 10, 2006, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,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-*

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A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to UP's representative: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

UP has filed a combined environmental report and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by May 16, 2006. 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) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] 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), UP 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 UP's filing of a notice of consummation by May 11, 2007, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which was increased to \$1,300 effective on April 19, 2006. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services—2006 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 13) (STB served March 20, 2006).

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Assistance Center Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the
Taxpayer Assistance Center Committee

of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be
conducted (via teleconference). The
Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) is
soliciting public comments, ideas, and
suggestions on improving customer
service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held
Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Coffman at 1-888-912-1227, or
206-220-6096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is
hereby given pursuant to section
10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory
Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988)
that an open meeting of the Taxpayer
Assistance Center Committee of the
Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held
Tuesday, June 6, 2006 from 9 a.m.
Pacific Time to 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time
via a telephone conference call. If you

would like to have the TAP consider a
written statement, please call 1-888-
912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write to
Dave Coffman, TAP Office, 915 2nd
Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174
or you can contact us at *http://*
www.improveirs.org. Due to limited
conference lines, notification of intent
to participate in the telephone
conference call meeting must be made
with Dave Coffman. Mr. Coffman can be
reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-
220-6096.

The agenda will include the
following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: May 4, 2006.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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