

- Review of pipe robustness and resistance to excavation damage.
- Impact on fatigue life of pipelines operating up to 80% SMYS.
- Fracture control design parameters for 80% SMYS operation.
- Evaluation of integrity re-assessment intervals for 80% SMYS operation.
- Optimization of conditioning, monitoring, and mitigation programs for 80% SMYS operation.
- Review of existing compressor station equipment relative to 80% SMYS operation.
- Review of operations and controls for 80% SMYS.
- Emerging approaches for reliability analysis, integrity management, and risk analysis in high stress pipelines.
- Line pipe characteristics and flaws that preclude pipelines from higher operating stresses.

Authors must submit abstracts of their papers in 250 words or less to the docket by February 7, 2006. PHMSA will notify authors by February 14, 2006, whether their papers were accepted for presentation at the meeting. Each author of an accepted paper will have the choice of providing either a short paper (6–10 pages) or an extended abstract (3–5 pages) that will be due before the public meeting.

You may submit papers or comments by mail or deliver them to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The Dockets Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You also may submit papers or comments to the docket electronically by logging onto the following Internet Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on "Help & Information" for instructions on how to file a document electronically. All papers or comments should reference docket number

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34812]

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

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has agreed to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) over UP's Chester Subdivision between milepost 131.3, Rockview Junction, MO, and milepost 0.0, Valley Junction, IL, a distance of approximately 132 miles.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on December 28, 2005, the effective date of this notice, and the temporary rights will expire on March

21, 2006. The purpose of the temporary rights is for bridging BNSF's train service while BNSF's main lines are out of service due to certain programmed track, roadbed and structural maintenance.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee affected by the acquisition of the temporary 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), and any employee affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). If it 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.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34812, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

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

Decided: December 28, 2005.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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