

Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of pleadings to petitioners' representative: Kevin M. Sheys, Oppenheimer Wolff Donnelly & Bayh LLP, 1350 Eye Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired (202) 565-1695.]

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Decided: November 13, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33610]

**Norfolk Southern Railway Company—
Lease and Operation Exemption—
Union Pacific Railroad Company**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25 the lease and operation by Norfolk Southern Railway Company, successor by merger to Norfolk and Western Railway Company, of approximately 4.7 miles of Union Pacific Railroad Company's line between Monterey Lead Milepost 4.4 at Monterey Mine No. 1, near Carlinville, IL, and Monterey Lead Milepost 0.0 at Monterey Junction, IL, and a leg of the wye track and related trackage between mileposts 104.5 and 104.8 at Monterey Junction,¹ subject to standard labor protective conditions.

¹ On September 9, 1998, NSR simultaneously filed a petition for exemption wherein it proposed to purchase from Union Pacific Railroad Company and to operate approximately 15.3 miles of rail line between milepost 104.8 at Monterey Junction (including the southwest leg of the wye track at Monterey Junction, which is approximately between milepost 104.5 and milepost 104.8) and milepost 119.8 at DeCamp, IL, plus certain yard tracks at Madison, IL. That petition was granted in *Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Successor by Merger to Norfolk and Western Railway Company—Purchase—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 33609 (STB served Oct. 29, 1998).

DATES: The exemption will be effective on December 16, 1998. Petitions to stay must be filed by December 2, 1998. Petitions to reopen must be filed by December 7, 1998.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33610 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; in addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative: James R. Paschall, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191.

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