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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Union Pacific Railroad Company

[Docket Number FRA–2000–6848]

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the Blue Signal Protection of Workers, 49 CFR Part 218.29(a)(3), which requires that as part of an alternate method of protection "a blue signal must be attached to each controlling locomotive at a location where it is readily visible to the engineman or operator at the controls of that locomotive." UP requests that at their Hinkle Locomotive Facility located in Hermiston, Oregon, they be allowed to designate the east and west locomotive at the respective end of each repair track as the controlling locomotive regardless of it being set up in control.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they

should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number 2000–6848) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33811]

Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation—Continuance in Control Exemption—Wisconsin Chicago Link Ltd.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323–25, the control by Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation of Wisconsin Chicago Link Ltd, a Class III rail common carrier, subject to the employee protection conditions in *New York Dock Ry.—Control—Brooklyn Eastern Dist.*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).

DATES: The exemption will be effective April 7, 2000. Petitions for stay must be filed by March 20, 2000. Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by March 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33811 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423–

0001. In addition, send one copy of any comments to applicant's representative: Thomas J. Litwiler, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly (Illinois), Two Prudential Plaza, 45th Floor, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601–6710.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar (202) 565–1600 [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Da-to-Da Office Solutions, 1925 K Street, NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289–4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services 1–800–877–8339.]

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Decided: February 29, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket No. BTS–99–5889]

Motor Carrier Financial and Operating Information; Requests for Exemption From Public Release of Reports

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Class I and Class II motor carriers of property and household goods are required to file annual and quarterly reports with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). As provided by statute, carriers may request that their reports be withheld from public release. On September 3, 1999, BTS invited comments on several requests submitted by carriers (64 FR 48452). BTS has issued its decisions and these are available through the DOT Dockets Management System. Please follow the instructions listed below.

ADDRESSES: You can read BTS's decision on the exemption requests using the DOT Dockets Management System. This is located at the Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through