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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 22218

ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY  
—OPERATING RIGHTS—  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Decided: May 20, 2026

On May 15, 2023, the Board granted a petition by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), as successor to Southern Pacific Transportation Company, to reopen this proceeding to revise conditions governing trackage rights of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), as successor to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company (ATSF), over a 67.8-mile UP-owned rail line between Kern Junction and Mojave, Cal., known as the Tehachapis Line (the Line). See Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Operating Rts.—S. Pac. Transp. Co., FD 22218, slip op. at 1 (STB served May 15, 2023). Following Board-sponsored mediation that ultimately did not result in an agreement between the parties, the Board adopted a procedural schedule on December 5, 2023, and the parties filed their opening statements and evidence on May 3, 2024. After a period of abeyance to allow resolution of a discovery dispute, the parties filed reply statements and evidence on March 14, 2025, and final briefs on April 15, 2025.

By decision served March 4, 2026, the Board directed UP and BNSF to file supplemental information related to line segment revenues, operating expenses, and line segment operating earnings (with and without negative earnings), finding that the additional information was required to help inform the Board on the issues between the parties. See Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Operating Rts.—S. Pac. Transp. Co., FD 22218, slip op. at 2 (STB served March 4, 2026). In the same decision, the Board announced that it would hold a technical conference with UP and BNSF to discuss the data submitted. Id.

The parties filed the requested supplemental data on April 20, 2026. At this time, a technical conference is not necessary. The technical conference scheduled for June 3, 2026, will therefore be cancelled.

It is ordered:

1. The technical conference scheduled for June 3, 2026, is cancelled.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.