

THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT RELATES TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AND IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OR AMENDMENT.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION DATED JANUARY 23, 1998

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT TO PROSPECTUS DATED DECEMBER 30, 1996.

\$500,000,000

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\$	% Notes Due	, 2008
\$	% Debentures Due	, 2028
Interest payable		and

The % Notes Due , 2008 and the % Debentures Due 2028 are herein referred to, respectively, as the "Notes" and the "Debentures", and collectively as the "Securities". The Securities are not redeemable prior to maturity and will not be subject to any sinking fund. The Notes and the Debentures each will be represented by one or more Global Securities (as defined herein) registered in the name of the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC" or the "Depository"). Except as provided herein and in the accompanying Prospectus, Securities in definitive form will not be issued. See "Description of the Securities" herein.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT OR THE PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

	Price to Public(1)	Underwriting Discounts and Commissions	Proceeds to Company(1)(2)
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Per Note.....	%	%	%
Per Debenture.....	%	%	%
Total.....	\$	\$	\$

- (1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from January , 1998.
- (2) Before deducting expenses payable by the Company, estimated at \$300,000.

The Securities are offered by the several Underwriters when, as and if issued by the Company, delivered to and accepted by the Underwriters and subject to their right to reject orders in whole or in part. It is expected that delivery of the Securities in book-entry form will be made through the facilities of DTC on or about February , 1998, against payment in immediately available funds.

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 CHASE SECURITIES INC.
 SBC WARBURG DILLON READ INC.

Prospectus Supplement dated January , 1998.

CERTAIN PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN THIS OFFERING MAY ENGAGE IN TRANSACTIONS THAT STABILIZE, MAINTAIN OR OTHERWISE AFFECT THE PRICE OF THE SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY, INCLUDING OVER-ALLOTMENT, STABILIZING TRANSACTIONS, SYNDICATE SHORT COVERING TRANSACTIONS AND PENALTY BIDS. FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ACTIVITIES, SEE "UNDERWRITING".

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Union Pacific Corporation (the "Company") reported net income of \$432 million (\$1.74 per share) in 1997 compared to \$904 million (\$4.14 per share) in 1996, with Union Pacific Resources Group Inc. included as discontinued operations in 1996. The Company reported income from continuing operations of \$432 million (\$1.74 per share), compared to 1996 results of \$733 million (\$3.36 per share). This decline in earnings is primarily the result of the service and congestion issues which arose in the third quarter and disrupted rail operations during the third and fourth quarters at Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UPRR"), the principal rail subsidiary of the Company, as described below. As a result, net income for the year was negatively impacted by approximately \$455 million, after tax. (See "Railroad Operations").

Consolidated operating revenues increased \$2.3 billion (26%) to \$11.1 billion in 1997, reflecting increased volumes at UPRR (the result of the inclusion for all of 1997 of Southern Pacific Rail Corporation ("Southern Pacific") which was partly offset by declines resulting from service and congestion issues) and lower volumes at Overnite Transportation Company ("Overnite"). However, operating revenues were down \$0.1 billion in 1997 when compared with pro forma 1996 revenues (giving full year effect to the acquisition of Southern Pacific).

Consolidated operating expenses increased \$2.6 billion (36%) to \$9.8 billion in 1997, primarily the result of the addition of Southern Pacific's operations, congestion costs at UPRR and inflation. When compared to pro forma 1996, operating expenses increased 2% from \$9.6 billion, as the effect of one-time merger expenses and congestion costs more than offset merger benefits realized.

Consolidated operating income declined \$280 million (18%) to \$1.3 billion in 1997, the result of a \$349 million decrease at UPRR (a \$418 million decrease when compared with UPRR's pro forma 1996 operating income), partially offset by improved results at the Company's other business operations, including an improvement in Overnite's operating results from an operating loss of \$68 million in 1996 to operating income of \$10 million in 1997 after amortization of goodwill. Other income, net, declined \$45 million, primarily attributable to the loss recognized in connection with the Company's investment in Skyway Freight Systems, Inc. Interest expense increased \$104 million, the result of higher debt levels associated with the Southern Pacific acquisition. Income from continuing operations as a percentage of operating revenues declined to 3.9% from 8.3% in 1996. Return on average common stockholders' equity dropped to 5.3% in 1997 from 12.4% a year ago, principally reflecting the impact of the service and congestion issues.

The Company expects that its earnings in the first quarter of 1998 will be below those in the first quarter of 1997 as UPRR continues its efforts to alleviate congestion and restore normal service to its entire system.

RAILROAD OPERATIONS

In the third quarter of 1997, rail operations of UPRR were disrupted by serious service and congestion problems. System congestion started in the Gulf Coast area and spread throughout the system as UPRR shifted resources to help mitigate the problem in the Gulf Coast. Factors leading to the congestion included, among other things, crew shortages and necessary track maintenance on lines acquired in connection with the Southern Pacific acquisition, unexpected demand, derailments, washouts due to severe weather and congestion in the major Texas/Mexico gateways prior to privatization of the Mexican railroad system. To restore service to acceptable levels, UPRR implemented a Service Recovery Plan (the "Plan") in late September 1997. The Plan focuses on restoring system velocity and reducing the number of cars on the system, which in

turn results in better and more reliable service to customers. Although progress has been made in restoring service to normal levels and recovering lost business, UPRR expects to be somewhat affected by these problems during 1998.

Certain customers have submitted claims or stated their intention to submit claims to UPRR for damages related to shipments delayed in transit as a result of congestion problems, and certain customers have filed lawsuits seeking relief related to such delays. The nature of the damages sought by claimants includes, but is not limited to, freight loss or damage, alternative transportation charges, additional production costs, lost business and lost profits. In addition, some customers have asserted that they have the right to cancel contracts as a result of alleged material breaches of such contracts by UPRR. The Company does not believe that such claims will have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial condition or operating results.

RAIL SERVICE PROCEEDINGS

On October 2, 1997, the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation (the "STB") initiated a proceeding to investigate rail service problems in the western United States. On October 31, 1997, the STB issued an emergency service order as an outgrowth of that proceeding. The service order imposed several temporary measures designed to allow the Texas Mexican Railway Company ("Tex Mex") to divert some traffic from UPRR in order to reduce congestion on UPRR's lines in Houston, Texas. The STB also directed the Company to suspend rail transportation service contract obligations of certain shippers at Houston that wished to route shipments over the Tex Mex instead of UPRR during the period of the service order. The service order also required the Company to report to the STB weekly regarding service issues raised at the initial hearing held in the proceeding on October 27, 1997. Following a subsequent hearing on December 3, 1997, the STB entered a supplemental order extending the duration of the original emergency service order until March 15, 1998, and modifying the original order in certain respects, primarily concerning the scope of UPRR's reporting obligations. Although UPRR has made progress in restoring service levels, it is unable to predict what action the STB may take in the future with respect to these issues.

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION REVIEW

UPRR suffered a number of severe accidents in 1997, although most safety measures for the year improved significantly, with reportable injuries, lost work days and grade crossing accidents all declining in excess of 20%. As a result of these accidents in 1997, the Federal Railroad Administration ("FRA") reviewed UPRR's operations and made several recommendations, including creating a joint committee comprised of UPRR management, labor and the FRA to review and monitor all aspects of safety, adding an executive position for safety reporting directly to the UPRR President, creating a safety hotline, re-evaluating all existing training programs, and increasing the monitoring of train crew performance, crew fatigue and crew scheduling. All such FRA proposals have been implemented by UPRR. UPRR has also implemented a guaranteed time-off program for train and engine employees.

SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION

The Company and certain of its officers and directors are currently defendants in two purported class action securities lawsuits, and certain current and former directors of the Company are currently defendants in a purported derivative action filed on behalf of the Company. The class action suits allege, among other things, that management failed to properly disclose UPRR's service and safety problems and thereby issued materially false and misleading statements concerning the merger with Southern Pacific and the safe, efficient operation of UPRR's rail network. The derivative action alleges, among other things, that the named current and former directors breached their fiduciary duties to the Company by approving the mergers of Southern Pacific and Chicago and North Western Transportation Company into UPRR without ensuring that the Company or UPRR had adequate systems in place to effectively integrate those companies into the operations of the Company and UPRR. The Company believes that these claims are without merit and intends to defend them vigorously.

CREDIT RATINGS

On January 22, 1998, Standard & Poor's Corporation ("Standard & Poor's") announced that it had affirmed its rating of BBB assigned to the Company's senior unsecured debt, although Standard & Poor's stated that the outlook remains negative. On the same date, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") announced that it had confirmed its rating of Baa2 assigned to the Company's senior unsecured debt, while noting that the Company is weakly positioned in the rating category and the process of integrating the Southern Pacific lines would be closely monitored for any further delays in restoring service or deterioration in operating cash flow which could have rating implications.

Credit ratings for Standard & Poor's and Moody's range from AAA and Aaa, respectively, which represent the highest quality of securities, to D, which represents the lowest quality of securities, and may include gradations indicated by a "+" or "-" or a "1", "2" or "3", respectively. Prospective purchasers of the Securities are advised to consult Standard & Poor's or Moody's with respect to the interpretation of the ratings of the Company's debt securities and the foregoing indications. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the applicable rating agency. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating.

THE FOREGOING DISCUSSION CONTAINS, AND OTHER MATERIALS FILED OR TO BE FILED BY THE COMPANY WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (AS WELL AS INFORMATION INCLUDED IN ORAL STATEMENTS OR OTHER WRITTEN STATEMENTS MADE OR TO BE MADE BY THE COMPANY) CONTAIN, OR WILL CONTAIN, FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED (THE "EXCHANGE ACT"). SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION MAY INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, STATEMENTS THAT THE COMPANY DOES NOT EXPECT THAT CLAIMS OR OTHER MATTERS WILL HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON ITS CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL CONDITION OR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND OTHER SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS CONCERNING MATTERS THAT ARE NOT HISTORICAL FACTS, AND PROJECTIONS OR PREDICTIONS AS TO THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL OR OPERATIONAL RESULTS. SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION IS OR WILL BE BASED ON FACTS AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME, AND IS OR WILL BE SUBJECT TO RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT COULD CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE EXPRESSED IN THE STATEMENTS. IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT COULD CAUSE SUCH DIFFERENCES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, WHETHER THE SERVICE RECOVERY PLAN REFERRED TO ABOVE ACHIEVES ITS GOALS, INDUSTRY COMPETITION AND REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS, NATURAL EVENTS SUCH AS SEVERE WEATHER, FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKES, THE EFFECTS OF ADVERSE GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, CHANGES IN FUEL PRICES AND THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME OF SHIPPER CLAIMS, ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS OR PROCEEDINGS AND OTHER TYPES OF CLAIMS AND LITIGATION.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from the sale of the Securities offered hereby will be used by the Company for general corporate purposes, including repayment of outstanding commercial paper.

CAPITALIZATION

Set forth below is the consolidated capitalization of the Company (i) as of December 31, 1997, and (ii) as adjusted for the issuance of the Securities and the use of the net proceeds to repay commercial paper. The following table should be read in conjunction with the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company, including the notes thereto.

	DECEMBER 31, 1997	
	----- ACTUAL	AS ADJUSTED -----
	(IN MILLIONS)	
Total debt:		
Notes and Debentures offered hereby.....	\$ --	\$ 500
Notes, debentures and other.....	3,929	3,929
Capitalized leases.....	1,251	1,251
Equipment obligations.....	910	910
Commercial paper, credit facility borrowings and bid notes.....	1,743	1,243
Term floating rate debt.....	392	392
Mortgage bonds.....	176	176
Tax-exempt financings.....	168	168
Unamortized discount.....	(51)	(51)
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Total.....	\$ 8,518	\$ 8,518
Debt due within one year.....	(233)	(233)
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Total long-term debt.....	\$ 8,285	\$ 8,285
Stockholders' Equity.....	\$ 8,225	\$ 8,225
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Total Capitalization.....	\$16,743	\$16,743
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As of January 22, 1998, the Company had credit facilities with various United States and foreign banks totaling \$3.1 billion, which were available to support commercial paper borrowings and for other purposes. As of such date, outstanding borrowings under the credit facilities totalled \$300 million and the Company had outstanding \$2.0 billion in commercial paper and bid notes.

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The selected financial information presented below for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996 has been derived from the consolidated financial statements of the Company that have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors. The pro forma financial information for the year ended December 31, 1996 is unaudited and gives effect to the transactions described in note 1 below. The selected financial information for each of the three months ended December 31, 1997 and 1996 are derived from the Company's unaudited financial statements. Interim results, in the opinion of management, include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial information for such periods; however, such results are not necessarily indicative of the results which may be expected for any other interim period or for a full year. The following data should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated herein by reference.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,			THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	1997	PRO FORMA 1996(1)	ACTUAL 1996	1997	1996
	(UNAUDITED)(IN MILLIONS)			(UNAUDITED)	
OPERATING REVENUES.....	\$11,079	\$11,219	\$8,786	\$ 2,561	\$ 2,810
Operating Expenses.....	9,826(2)	9,613	7,253	2,619(4)	2,350
OPERATING INCOME.....	1,253(3)	1,606	1,533	(58)(5)	460
Other Income-Net.....	137	128	182	(22)	80
Interest Expense.....	(605)	(616)	(501)	(153)	(155)
Corporate Expenses.....	(109)	(101)	(101)	(13)	(26)
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes.....	676	1,017	1,113	(246)	359
Income Taxes.....	(244)	(353)	(380)	94	(130)
Income (Loss) From Continuing Operations.....	432	664	733	(152)	229
Discontinued Operations.....	--	--	171	--	--
Net Income (Loss).....	\$ 432	\$ 664	\$ 904	\$ (152)	\$ 229
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges(6)...	1.8	--	2.7	(0.4)	2.7

(1) Pro Forma results for 1996 reflect the Company's September 1996 acquisition of Southern Pacific and spin-off of Union Pacific Resources Group Inc. as if both transactions had been completed January 1, 1996.

(2) One-time Southern Pacific merger expenses were \$97 million pre-tax (\$60 million after-tax). Merger expenses include severance, relocation and certain other costs related to UPRR employees affected by the merger.

(3) Includes the \$730 million pre-tax (\$455 million after-tax) impact of rail congestion.

(4) One-time Southern Pacific merger expenses were \$22 million pre-tax (\$13 million after-tax). Merger expenses include severance, relocation and certain other costs related to UPRR employees affected by the merger.

(5) Includes \$567 million pre-tax (\$353 million after-tax) impact of rail congestion.

(6) The ratio of earnings to fixed charges has been computed on a total enterprise basis. Earnings represent income from continuing operations before the cumulative effect of accounting changes less equity in undistributed earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, plus income taxes and fixed charges. Fixed charges represent interest, amortization of debt discount and expense and the estimated interest portion of rental charges.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURITIES

The following description of the Securities offered hereby (referred to herein as the "Securities" and in the accompanying Prospectus as the "Debt Securities") supplements, and to the extent inconsistent therewith replaces, the description of the general terms and provisions of the Debt Securities set forth in the accompanying Prospectus, to which description reference is hereby made.

GENERAL

The Securities offered hereby will be limited to \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount, consisting of \$ principal amount of Notes and \$ principal amount of Debentures. Each Security will bear interest at the applicable rate per annum stated on the cover page of this Prospectus Supplement. Interest on each security will be payable semiannually on and of each year, commencing , to the person in whose name the Security is registered, subject to certain exceptions as provided in the Indenture, at the close of business on the and (each a "Record Date"), as the case may be, immediately preceding such or . The Notes will mature on , 2008 and the Debentures will mature on , 2028. Interest on the Securities will be paid on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

REDEMPTION

The Notes and the Debentures will not be redeemable prior to maturity.

SINKING FUND

There is no provision for a sinking fund for the Notes or the Debentures.

DEFEASANCE

Under certain circumstances, the Company will be deemed to have discharged the entire indebtedness on all of the outstanding Notes or Debentures by defeasance. See "Description of Debt Securities -- Defeasance of the Indenture and Debt Securities" in the accompanying Prospectus for a description of the terms of any such defeasance and the tax consequences thereof.

BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM

The Notes and Debentures will each be issued in the form of fully registered Global Securities. The Global Securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the Depository and registered in the name of the Depository's nominee. The Depository currently limits the maximum denomination of any global security to \$200,000,000. Therefore, for purposes of this Prospectus Supplement, "Global Security" refers to the Global Securities representing the entire issues of the Notes and the Debentures offered hereby.

Upon the issuance of a Global Security, the Depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the Securities represented by such Global Security to the accounts of institutions that have accounts with the Depository or its nominee ("Participants"). The accounts to be credited will be designated by the Underwriters, dealers or agents. Ownership of beneficial interests in the Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depository (with respect to Participants' interests), the Participants and others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with Participants, either directly or indirectly ("indirect participants"), (with respect to the owners of beneficial interests in such Global Security). The laws of some states may require that certain persons take physical delivery in definitive form of securities which they own. Consequently, such persons may be prohibited from purchasing beneficial interests in the Global Security from any beneficial owner or otherwise.

So long as the Depository's nominee is the registered owner of the Global Security, such nominee for all purposes will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Securities represented by such Global Security for all purposes under the Indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in the Global Security will not be entitled to have any of the Securities represented by such Global Security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the Securities in definitive form and

will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the Indenture. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in the Global Security must rely on the procedures of the Depository and, if such person is not a Participant, on the procedures of the Participant and if applicable, the indirect participant, through which such person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the Indenture. The Company understands that under existing practice, in the event that the Company requests any action of the holders or a beneficial owner desires to take any action a holder is entitled to take, the Depository would act upon the instructions of, or authorize, the Participant to take such action.

The Company expects that the Depository or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal or interest, will immediately credit the accounts of the Participants with such payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such Global Security as shown on the records of the Depository or such nominee.

If DTC is at any time unwilling, unable or ineligible to continue as depository for a Global Security and a successor depository is not appointed by the Company within 90 days, the Company will issue certificated Securities in definitive form in exchange for such Global Security. In addition, the Company may at any time determine not to have the Notes or Debentures represented by a Global Security, and, in such event, will issue certificated Securities in definitive form in exchange for such Global Security. In either instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Security will be entitled to physical delivery of certificated Securities in definitive form equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest in such Global Security and to have such certificated Securities registered in its name. Certificated Securities so issued in definitive form will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof and will be issued in registered form only, without coupons.

See "Description of Debt Securities" in the accompanying Prospectus for additional information concerning the Debt Securities, the Indenture and the book-entry system.

UNDERWRITING

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the Terms Agreement dated January , 1998, which incorporates by reference the Underwriting Agreement dated January , 1998 (collectively, the "Underwriting Agreement"), the underwriters named below (the "Underwriters"), for whom Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation is acting as Representative (the "Representative"), have severally but not jointly agreed to purchase from the Company the following respective principal amounts of Notes and Debentures as set forth opposite their respective names below:

UNDERWRITER	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	
	NOTES	DEBENTURES
Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation.....	\$	\$
BancAmerica Robertson Stephens.....		
Chase Securities Inc.		
SBC Warburg Dillon Read Inc.		
Total.....	\$	\$

The Underwriting Agreement provides that the obligations of the Underwriters are subject to certain conditions precedent and that the Underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the Notes and Debentures, if any are purchased.

The Underwriting Agreement provides that, in the event of a default by an Underwriter, in certain circumstances the purchase commitments of non-defaulting Underwriters may be increased or the Underwriting Agreement may be terminated.

The Company has been advised by the Underwriters that they propose to offer the Securities to the public initially at the public offering prices set forth on the cover page of this Prospectus Supplement and to certain dealers at such price less a concession of % of the principal amount per Note and % of the principal amount per Debenture; that the Underwriters and such dealers may allow a discount of % of such principal amount per Note and % of such principal amount per Debenture on sales to certain other

dealers; and that, after the initial public offering, the public offering prices and concessions and discounts to dealers may be changed by the Underwriters.

The Securities are new issues of securities with no established trading markets. The Underwriters have advised the Company that they intend to act as market makers for the Securities. However, the Underwriters are not obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the Securities.

The Company has agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities, including civil liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribute to payments which the Underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof.

Certain of the Underwriters and their associates and affiliates may have borrowing relationships with, engage in other transactions with, and/or perform services, including commercial and investment banking services, for the Company and its subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

The Representative, on behalf of the Underwriters, may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves syndicate sales in excess of the offering size, which create a syndicate short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the Securities in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. Penalty bids permit the Representative to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the Securities originally sold by such syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions. Such stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may cause the price of the Securities to be higher than it would otherwise be in the absence of such transactions.

NOTICE TO CANADIAN RESIDENTS

RESALE RESTRICTIONS

The distribution of the Securities in Canada is being made only on a private placement basis exempt from the requirement that the Company prepare and file a prospectus with the securities regulatory authorities in each province where trades of Securities are effected. Accordingly, any resale of the Securities in Canada must be made in accordance with applicable securities laws which will vary depending on the relevant jurisdiction, and which may require resales to be made in accordance with available statutory exemptions or pursuant to a discretionary exemption granted by the applicable Canadian securities regulatory authority. Purchasers who are Canadian residents are advised to seek legal advice prior to any resale of the Securities.

REPRESENTATIONS OF PURCHASERS

Each purchaser of Securities in Canada who receives a purchase confirmation will be deemed to represent to the Company and the dealer from whom such purchase confirmation is received that (i) such purchaser is entitled under applicable provincial securities laws to purchase such Securities without the benefit of a prospectus qualified under such securities laws, (ii) where required by law, that such purchaser is purchasing as principal and not as agent, and (iii) such purchaser has reviewed the text above under "Resale Restrictions".

RIGHTS OF ACTION

The Securities being offered are those of a foreign issuer and Ontario purchasers will not receive the contractual right of action prescribed by section 32 of the Regulation under the Securities Act (Ontario). As a result, Ontario purchasers must rely on other remedies that may be available, including common law rights of action for damages or rescission or rights of action under the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws.

ENFORCEMENT OF LEGAL RIGHTS

All of the issuer's directors and officers as well as the experts named herein may be located outside of Canada and, as a result, it may not be possible for Canadian purchasers to effect service of process within Canada upon the issuer or such persons. All or a substantial portion of the assets of the issuer and such persons may be located outside of Canada and, as a result, it may not be possible to satisfy a judgment against the issuer or such persons in Canada or to enforce a judgment obtained in Canadian courts against the issuer or such persons outside of Canada.

NOTICE TO BRITISH COLUMBIA RESIDENTS

A purchaser of Securities to whom the Securities Act (British Columbia) applies is advised that such purchaser is required to file with the British Columbia Securities Commission a report within ten days of the sale of any Securities acquired by such purchaser pursuant to this offering. Such report must be in the form attached to British Columbia Securities Commission Blanket Order BOR #95/17, a copy of which may be obtained from the Company. Only one such report must be filed in respect of Securities acquired on the same date and under the same prospectus exemption.

TAXATION AND ELIGIBILITY FOR INVESTMENT

Canadian purchasers of Securities should consult their own legal and tax advisers with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the Securities in their particular circumstances and with respect to the eligibility of the Securities for investment by the purchaser under relevant Canadian legislation.

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DEBT SECURITIES
 PREFERRED STOCK
 COMMON STOCK
 SECURITIES WARRANTS

 Union Pacific Corporation (the "Company") may issue from time to time, together or separately (i) its debt securities (the "Debt Securities"), which may be either senior ("Senior Securities") or subordinated ("Subordinated Securities") and which may be convertible into or exchangeable for shares of common stock, par value \$2.50, of the Company (the "Common Stock"), shares of preferred stock, no par value, of the Company (the "Preferred Stock"), or other Debt Securities; (ii) warrants to purchase Debt Securities (the "Debt Warrants"); (iii) Preferred Stock, which may be convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock or shares of Preferred Stock or Debt Securities; (iv) warrants to purchase shares of Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock Warrants") and (v) Common Stock issuable upon the conversion or exchange of Debt Securities or Preferred Stock offered hereunder, to the extent such Debt Securities or Preferred Stock are, by their terms, convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of offering. The Debt Warrants and Preferred Stock Warrants are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities Warrants" and the Debt Securities, Preferred Stock, Common Stock and Securities Warrants are collectively referred to herein as the "Offered Securities".

The Offered Securities may be issued in one or more series or issuances and will be limited to \$1,000,000,000 in aggregate public offering price (or its equivalent, based on the applicable exchange rate, to the extent Debt Securities are issued for one or more foreign currencies or currency units). The Offered Securities may be sold for U.S. dollars, or any foreign currency or currencies or currency units, and the principal of, any premium on, and any interest on, the Debt Securities may be payable in U.S. dollars, or any foreign currency or currencies or currency units.

The specific terms of the Offered Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is being delivered are set forth in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement"), including, where applicable, (i) in the case of Debt Securities, the specific designation, aggregate principal amount, authorized denomination, initial offering price, maturity, premium (if any), interest rate (which may be fixed or floating), time of and method of calculating the payment of interest, if any, the currency in which principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, are payable, any redemption or sinking fund terms, any terms for the conversion into or exchange for shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock or other Debt Securities, terms of subordination of Subordinated Securities, and other specific terms; (ii) in the case of Preferred Stock, the specific designation, any dividend, liquidation, redemption, sinking fund, voting or other rights, time of payment of dividends, any terms for the conversion into or exchange for shares of Common Stock or shares of Preferred Stock or Debt Securities, the initial offering price and other specific terms; and (iii) in the case of Securities Warrants, the duration, initial offering price, exercise price and detachability thereof. The Prospectus Supplement will also contain information, where applicable, about certain United States Federal income tax considerations relating to, and any listing on a securities exchange of, the Offered Securities covered by the Prospectus Supplement.

 THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The Offered Securities will be sold directly, through agents, dealers or underwriters as designated from time to time, or through a combination of such methods. If any agents of the Company or any dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of the Offered Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is being delivered, the names of such agents, dealers or underwriters and any applicable agent's commission, dealer's purchase price or underwriter's discount will be set forth in or may be calculated from the Prospectus Supplement. The net proceeds to the Company from such sale will be the purchase price less such commission in the case of an agent, the purchase price in the case of a dealer, or the public offering price less such discount in the case of an underwriter and less, in each case, other attributable issuance expenses. See "Plan of Distribution".

THE DATE OF THIS PROSPECTUS IS DECEMBER 30, 1996.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith files reports and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") relating to its business, financial position, results of operations and other matters. Such reports and other information can be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Section maintained by the Commission at Judiciary Plaza, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 and at certain of its Regional Offices, located at Northwest Atrium Center (Suite 1400), 500 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661, and Seven World Trade Center, 13th Floor, New York, New York 10048. Copies of such material can also be obtained from the Public Reference Section of the Commission at prescribed rates. Such material can also be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. Such material may also be accessed electronically by means of the Commission's home page on the Internet (<http://www.sec.gov>).

The Company has filed with the Commission a registration statement (the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), with respect to the securities offered hereby. This Prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the Registration Statement, certain parts of which are omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission. Reference is made to the Registration Statement and to the exhibits relating thereto for further information with respect to the Company and the securities offered hereby.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The Company hereby incorporates by reference herein its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995, its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 1996, June 30, 1996 and September 30, 1996, its Current Reports on Form 8-K dated January 22, 1996, September 11, 1996 (such report was amended by a Form 8-K/A-1 filed on October 17, 1996) and October 15, 1996, all of which have been previously filed with the Commission under File No. 1-6075, and the description of capital stock (including Common Stock) of the Company that is contained in the registration statement filed under the Exchange Act under File No. 1-6075, including all amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Prospectus and before the termination of the offering of the Offered Securities offered hereby shall be deemed incorporated herein by reference, and such documents shall be deemed to be a part hereof from the date of filing such documents. Any statement contained herein, in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, or in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein or in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

The Company will provide without charge to each person to whom this Prospectus is delivered, on the written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any or all of the above documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (other than exhibits to such documents, unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into the documents that this Prospectus incorporates). Written or oral requests should be directed to: Union Pacific Corporation, Eighth and Eaton Avenues, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018, Attention: Corporate Secretary (telephone 610-861-3200).

THE COMPANY

The Company operates, through subsidiaries, in the areas of rail transportation (Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UPRR"), Missouri Pacific Railroad Company ("MPRR") and Southern Pacific Transportation Company ("SPT") (collectively, the "Railroad")) and trucking (Overnite Transportation Company ("Overnite")). Each of the foregoing subsidiaries is indirectly wholly-owned by the Company. Substantially all of the Company's operations are in the United States.

On September 11, 1996, Southern Pacific Rail Corporation (the parent company of SPT and its railroad affiliates) was merged with and into a subsidiary of the Company (the "UP/SP Merger"). As a result of the UP/SP Merger, the Railroad became the largest railroad in the United States in terms of revenue and track miles, with approximately 37,000 route miles in 24 states linking the major Pacific Coast and Gulf Coast ports with the Midwest. The Railroad maintains coordinated schedules with other carriers for the handling of freight throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. The Railroad handles exported and imported freight throughout the system, principally through the Gulf Coast and Pacific Coast ports and across the Texas-Mexico border. Currently, the Railroad's customers fall into six major commodity groups: chemicals, energy, automotive, intermodal, agriculture products and industrial products.

The Company intends to restructure its railroad subsidiaries, by merging MPRR and UPRR on January 1, 1997, and combining SPT with UPRR, by merger or otherwise, beginning in mid-1997.

Overnite, a major interstate trucking company, serves all 50 states and portions of Canada and Mexico with more than 150 service centers (located primarily in eastern, southeastern and central United States and on the Pacific Coast) and through agency partnerships with several small, high-quality carriers serving areas not directly covered by Overnite. As one of the largest trucking companies in the United States, Overnite offers a comprehensive array of services, specializing in less-than-truckload shipments, and transports a variety of products, including machinery, tobacco, textiles, plastics, electronics and paper products.

On October 15, 1996, the Company completed the divestiture of its natural resources business, Union Pacific Resources Group Inc. ("Resources"), through a pro-rata distribution of the Company's entire interest in Resources to its stockholders (the "Spin-Off"). The Spin-Off represented the second step of the Company's plan to exit the natural resources business. The first step of the plan was an initial public offering by Resources of approximately 17% of its common stock, which was completed on October 17, 1995.

The Company's executive offices are located at Eighth and Eaton Avenues, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018, and its telephone number is (610) 861-3200.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES(A)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,					NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
1991(B)	2.9	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.7	

(a) All information presented excludes Resources and USPCI, Inc. (former waste management segment of the Company which was sold at year-end 1994), which are discontinued operations.

(b) In the third quarter of 1991, the Company announced a major restructuring program, including a \$790 million (\$523 million after-tax) special charge. Excluding the special charge, the Company's ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the year ended December 31, 1991 would have been 2.5.

The ratio of earnings to fixed charges has been computed on a total enterprise basis. Earnings represent income from continuing operations before the cumulative effect of accounting changes less equity in undistributed earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, plus income taxes and fixed charges.

Fixed charges represent interest, amortization of debt discount and expense, and the estimated interest portion of rental charges.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in the Prospectus Supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of the Offered Securities offered hereby will be used for general corporate purposes, including repayment of borrowings, working capital, capital expenditures, stock repurchase programs and acquisitions. Additional information on the use of net proceeds from the sale of the Offered Securities offered hereby is set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such Offered Securities.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description of the terms of the Debt Securities summarizes certain general terms and provisions of the Debt Securities to which any Prospectus Supplement may relate. The particular terms of the Debt Securities and the extent, if any, to which such general provisions may apply to any series of Debt Securities will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series.

The Debt Securities are to be issued under one or more Indentures (collectively, the "Indenture") between the Company and Citibank, N.A., as trustee or such other trustee as shall be named in a Prospectus Supplement (the "Trustee"). The following statements are subject to the detailed provisions of the Indenture, a copy of which is filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. Wherever any particular provisions of the Indenture or terms defined therein are referred to, such provisions and terms are incorporated by reference as a part of the statements made herein and such statements are qualified in their entirety by such references. References to particular sections of the Indenture are noted below. Defined terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Indenture.

GENERAL

The Debt Securities may be either Senior Securities or Subordinated Securities and will be unsecured, unless the Company shall be required to secure the Debt Securities as described below under "Covenants--Limitation on Liens." The Indenture does not limit the amount of Debt Securities which may be issued thereunder and Debt Securities may be issued thereunder up to the aggregate principal amount which may be authorized from time to time by the Company. (Section 301) Debt Securities will be issued from time to time and offered on terms determined by market conditions at the time of sale.

The Senior Securities will be unsecured and will rank on a parity with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company. The Subordinated Securities will be unsecured and will be subordinated and junior to all "Senior Indebtedness" (which for this purpose includes any Senior Securities) to the extent set forth in the applicable supplemental Indenture and the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series.

The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series with the same or various maturities at par, at a premium or at a discount. Any Debt Securities bearing no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates will be sold at a discount (which may be substantial) from their stated principal amount. Federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to any such substantially discounted Debt Securities will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto.

Reference is made to the Prospectus Supplement for the following terms of the Debt Securities offered hereby: (i) the designation, aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations of such Debt Securities; (ii) the percentage of their principal amount at which such Debt Securities will be issued; (iii) the date or dates on which the Debt Securities will mature; (iv) the rate or rates (which may be fixed or floating) per annum at which the Debt Securities will bear interest, if any, or the method of determining such rate or rates; (v) the date or dates on which any such interest will be payable, the date or dates on which payment of any such interest will commence and the Regular Record Dates for such Interest Payment Dates; (vi) whether such Debt Securities are Senior Securities or Subordinated Securities; (vii) the terms of any mandatory or optional redemption (including any provisions for any sinking, purchase or other analogous fund) or repayment option; (viii) the currency, currencies or currency units for which the Debt Securities may be purchased and the currency, currencies or currency units in which the principal thereof, any premium

thereon and any interest thereon may be payable; (ix) if the currency, currencies or currency units for which the Debt Securities may be purchased or in which the principal thereof, any premium thereon and any interest thereon may be payable is at the election of the Company or the purchaser, the manner in which such election may be made; (x) if the amount of payments on the Debt Securities is determined with reference to an index based on one or more currencies or currency units, changes in the price of one or more securities or changes in the price of one or more commodities, the manner in which such amounts may be determined; (xi) the extent to which any of the Debt Securities will be issuable in temporary or permanent global form, or the manner in which any interest payable on a temporary or permanent Global Security will be paid; (xii) the terms and conditions upon which conversion or exchange of the Debt Securities into or for Common Stock, Preferred Stock or other Debt Securities will be effected, including the conversion price or exchange ratio, the conversion or exchange period and any other conversion or exchange provisions; (xiii) information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any; (xiv) a discussion of certain Federal income tax, accounting and other special considerations, procedures and limitations with respect to the Debt Securities; and (xv) any other specific terms of the Debt Securities not inconsistent with the Indenture.

If any of the Debt Securities are sold for one or more foreign currencies or foreign currency units or if the principal of, premium, if any, or any interest on any series of Debt Securities is payable in one or more foreign currencies or foreign currency units, the restrictions, elections, Federal income tax consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to such issue of Debt Securities and such currencies or currency units will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto.

Unless otherwise specified in the Prospectus Supplement, the principal of, any premium on, and any interest on the Debt Securities will be payable, and the Debt Securities will be transferable, at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee in New York, New York, provided that payment of interest, if any, may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed on or before the payment date, first class mail, to the address of the person entitled thereto as it appears on the registry books of the Company or its agent.

Unless otherwise specified in the Prospectus Supplement, the Debt Securities will be issued only in fully registered form and in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof. (Sections 301 and 302) No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of any Debt Securities, but the Company may, except in certain specified cases not involving any transfer, require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith. (Section 305)

GLOBAL SECURITIES

The Debt Securities of a series may be issued, in whole or in part, in the form of one or more Global Securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depositary (the "Depositary") identified in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series. Global Securities may be issued only in fully registered form and in either temporary or permanent form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual Debt Securities represented thereby, a Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary for such Global Security to a nominee of such Depositary or by a nominee of such Depositary to such Depositary or another nominee of such Depositary or by the Depositary or any nominee of such Depositary to a successor Depositary or any nominee of such successor.

The specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to a series of Debt Securities will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series. The Company anticipates that the following provisions will generally apply to depositary arrangements.

Upon the issuance of a Global Security, the Depositary for such Global Security or its nominee will credit, on its book entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the individual Debt Securities represented by such Global Security to the accounts of persons that have accounts with such Depositary. Such accounts shall be designated by the dealers, underwriters or agents with respect to such Debt Securities or by the Company if such Debt Securities are offered and sold directly by the Company. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Security will be limited to persons that have accounts with the applicable Depositary ("participants") or persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in such Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be

effected only through, records maintained by the applicable Depositary or its nominee (with respect to interests of participants) and the records of participants (with respect to interests of persons other than participants). The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such limits and such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a Global Security.

So long as the Depositary for a Global Security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of such Global Security, such Depositary or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Debt Securities represented by such Global Security for all purposes under the Indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a Global Security will not be entitled to have any of the individual Debt Securities of the series represented by such Global Security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any such Debt Securities of such series in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the Indenture governing such Debt Securities.

Payments of principal of, any premium on, and any interest on, individual Debt Securities represented by a Global Security registered in the name of a Depositary or its nominee will be made to the Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the Global Security representing such Debt Securities. Neither the Company, the Trustee for such Debt Securities, any Paying Agent, nor the Security Registrar for such Debt Securities will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of the Global Security for such Debt Securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

The Company expects that the Depositary for a series of Debt Securities or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium or interest in respect of a permanent Global Security representing any of such Debt Securities, immediately will credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such Global Security for such Debt Securities as shown on the records of such Depositary or its nominee. The Company also expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in such Global Security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name". Such payments will be the responsibility of such participants.

If the Depositary for a series of Debt Securities is at any time unwilling, unable or ineligible to continue as depositary and a successor depositary is not appointed by the Company within 90 days, the Company will issue individual Debt Securities of such series in exchange for the Global Security representing such series of Debt Securities. In addition, the Company may at any time and in its sole discretion, subject to any limitations described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such Debt Securities, determine not to have any Debt Securities of a series represented by one or more Global Securities and, in such event, will issue individual Debt Securities of such series in exchange for the Global Security or Securities representing such series of Debt Securities. Further, if the Company so specifies with respect to the Debt Securities of a series, an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Security representing Debt Securities of such series may, on terms acceptable to the Company, the Trustee and the Depositary for such Global Security, receive individual Debt Securities of such series in exchange for such beneficial interests, subject to any limitations described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such Debt Securities. In any such instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Security will be entitled to physical delivery of individual Debt Securities of the series represented by such Global Security equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest and to have such Debt Securities registered in its name. Individual Debt Securities of such series so issued will be issued in denominations, unless otherwise specified by the Company, of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

SENIOR SECURITIES

The Senior Securities will be direct, unsecured obligations of the Company, and will constitute Senior Indebtedness (in each case as defined in the applicable supplemental Indenture) ranking on a parity with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company.

SUBORDINATED SECURITIES

The Subordinated Securities will be direct, unsecured obligations of the Company. The obligations of the Company pursuant to the Subordinated Securities will be subordinate in right of payment to the extent set forth in the Indenture and the applicable supplemental Indenture to all Senior Indebtedness (including all Senior Securities) (in each case as defined in the applicable supplemental Indenture). Except to the extent otherwise set forth in a Prospectus Supplement, the Indenture does not contain any restriction on the amount of Senior Indebtedness which the Company may incur.

The terms of the subordination of a series of Subordinated Securities, together with the definition of Senior Indebtedness related thereto, will be as set forth in the applicable supplemental Indenture and the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series.

The Subordinated Securities will not be subordinated to indebtedness of the Company which is not Senior Indebtedness, and the creditors of the Company who do not hold Senior Indebtedness will not benefit from the subordination provisions described herein. In the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency of the Company before or after maturity of the Subordinated Securities, such other creditors would rank pari passu with holders of the Subordinated Securities, subject, however, to the broad equity powers of the Federal bankruptcy court pursuant to which such court may, among other things, reclassify the claims of any series of Subordinated Securities into a class of claims having a different relative priority with respect to the claims of such other creditors or any other claims against the Company.

CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

Certain terms defined in Section 101 of the Indenture are summarized below.

"Debt" means indebtedness for money borrowed.

"Domestic Subsidiary" means a Subsidiary incorporated or conducting its principal operations within the United States or any State thereof.

"Mortgage" means any mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, charge or security interest of any kind.

"Subsidiary", when used with respect to the Company, means any corporation of which a majority of the outstanding voting stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company or by one or more other Subsidiaries, or both.

COVENANTS

The Indenture contains certain covenants, including the limitation on liens covenant summarized below which will be applicable (unless waived or amended) so long as any of the Debt Securities are outstanding, unless stated otherwise in the Prospectus Supplement.

Limitation on Liens. The Company will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, create, assume, incur or suffer to exist any Mortgage upon any stock or indebtedness of any Domestic Subsidiary, whether owned on the date of the Indenture or thereafter acquired, to secure any Debt of the Company or any other person (other than the Debt Securities), without in any such case making effective provision whereby all the outstanding Debt Securities shall be directly secured equally and ratably with such Debt. There will be excluded from this restriction any Mortgage upon stock or indebtedness of a corporation existing at the time such corporation becomes a Domestic Subsidiary or at the time stock or indebtedness of a Domestic Subsidiary is acquired and any extension, renewal or replacement of any such Mortgage. (Section 1006)

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, SALE OR CONVEYANCE

The Indenture provides that the Company may not consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or convey or transfer its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person, unless (i) the successor corporation shall be a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any State thereof or the District of Columbia, and shall expressly assume by a supplemental indenture the due and

punctual payment of the principal of, any premium on, and any interest on, all the outstanding Debt Securities and the performance of every covenant in the Indenture on the part of the Company to be performed or observed; (ii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have happened and be continuing; and (iii) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer and such supplemental indenture comply with the foregoing provisions relating to such transaction. (Section 801) In case of any such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer, such successor corporation will succeed to and be substituted for the Company as obligor on the Debt Securities, with the same effect as if it had been named in the Indenture as the Company. (Section 802) Other than the restrictions on Mortgages described above, the Indenture and the Debt Securities do not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to protect holders of Debt Securities in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving the Company or any Subsidiary.

EVENTS OF DEFAULT; WAIVER AND NOTICE THEREOF; DEBT SECURITIES IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES

As to any series of Debt Securities, an Event of Default is defined in the Indenture as (a) default for 30 days in payment of any interest on the Debt Securities of such series; (b) default in payment of principal of or any premium on the Debt Securities of such series at maturity; (c) default in payment of any sinking or purchase fund or analogous obligation, if any, on the Debt Securities of such series; (d) default by the Company in the performance of any other covenant or warranty contained in the Indenture for the benefit of such series which shall not have been remedied for a period of 90 days after notice is given as specified in the Indenture; and (e) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization of the Company. (Section 501)

A default under other indebtedness of the Company will not be a default under the Indenture and a default under one series of Debt Securities will not necessarily be a default under another series. Any additions, deletions or other changes to the Events of Default which will be applicable to a series of Debt Securities will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of Debt Securities.

The Indenture provides that (i) if an Event of Default described in clause (a), (b), (c) or (d) above (if the Event of Default under clause (d) is with respect to less than all series of Debt Securities then outstanding) shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to any series, either the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series then outstanding (each such series acting as a separate class) may declare the principal (or, in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities, the portion thereof specified in the terms thereof) of all outstanding Debt Securities of such series and the interest accrued thereon, if any, to be due and payable immediately and (ii) if an Event of Default described in clause (d) or (e) above (if the Event of Default under clause (d) is with respect to all series of Debt Securities then outstanding) shall have occurred and be continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of all Debt Securities then outstanding (treated as one class) may declare the principal (or, in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities, the portion thereof specified in the terms thereof) of all Debt Securities then outstanding and the interest accrued thereon, if any, to be due and payable immediately, but upon certain conditions such declarations may be annulled and past defaults (except for defaults in the payment of principal of, any premium on, or any interest on, such Debt Securities and in compliance with certain covenants) may be waived by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series then outstanding. (Sections 502 and 513)

Under the Indenture the Trustee must give to the holders of each series of Debt Securities notice of all uncured defaults known to it with respect to such series within 90 days after such a default occurs (the term default to include the events specified above without notice or grace periods); provided that, except in the case of default in the payment of principal of, any premium on, or any interest on, any of the Debt Securities, or default in the payment of any sinking or purchase fund installment or analogous obligations, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if it in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the holders of the Debt Securities of such series. (Section 602)

No holder of any Debt Securities of any series may institute any action under the Indenture unless (a) such holder shall have given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to such series, (b) the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series then outstanding shall have requested the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default, (c) such holder or holders shall have offered the Trustee such reasonable indemnity as the Trustee may require, (d) the Trustee shall have failed to institute an action for 60 days thereafter and (e) no inconsistent direction shall have been given to the Trustee during such 60-day period by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Debt Securities of such series. (Section 507)

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of any series affected and then outstanding will have the right, subject to certain limitations, to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee with respect to such series of Debt Securities. (Section 512) The Indenture provides that, in case an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, the Trustee, in exercising its rights and powers under the Indenture, will be required to use the degree of care of a prudent man in the conduct of his own affairs. (Section 601) The Indenture further provides that the Trustee shall not be required to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties under the Indenture unless it has reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is reasonably assured to it. (Section 601)

The Company must furnish to the Trustee within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year a statement signed by one of certain officers of the Company to the effect that a review of the activities of the Company during such year and of its performance under the Indenture and the terms of the Debt Securities has been made, and, to the best of the knowledge of the signatories based on such review, the Company has complied with all conditions and covenants of the Indenture or, if the Company is in default, specifying such default. (Section 1004)

If any Debt Securities are denominated in a coin or currency other than that of the United States, then for the purposes of determining whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of Debt Securities have taken any action as herein described, the principal amount of such Debt Securities shall be deemed to be that amount of United States dollars that could be obtained for such principal amount on the basis of the spot rate of exchange into United States dollars for the currency in which such Debt Securities are denominated (as evidenced to the Trustee by an Officers' Certificate) as of the date the taking of such action by the holders of such requisite principal amount is evidenced to the Trustee as provided in the Indenture. (Section 104)

If any Debt Securities are Original Issue Discount Securities, then for the purposes of determining whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of Debt Securities have taken any action herein described, the principal amount of such Debt Securities shall be deemed to be the portion of such principal amount that would be due and payable at the time of the taking of such action upon a declaration of acceleration of maturity thereof. (Section 101)

MODIFICATION OF THE INDENTURE

The Company and the Trustee may, without the consent of the holders of the Debt Securities, enter into indentures supplemental to the Indenture for, among others, one or more of the following purposes; (i) to evidence the succession of another corporation to the Company, and the assumption by such successor of the Company's obligations under the Indenture and the Debt Securities of any series; (ii) to add covenants of the Company, or surrender any rights of the Company, for the benefit of the holders of Debt Securities of any or all series; (iii) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency in such Indenture; (iv) to establish the form or terms of any series of Debt Securities, including any Subordinated Securities; (v) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of any successor Trustee with respect to one or more series of Debt Securities or to facilitate the administration of the trusts thereunder by one or more trustees in accordance with such Indenture; and (vi) to provide any additional Events of Default (Section 901).

With certain exceptions, the Indenture or the rights of the holders of the Debt Securities may be modified by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of

the Debt Securities of each series affected by such modification then outstanding, but no such modification may be made without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Debt Security affected thereby which would (i) change the maturity of any payment of principal of, or any premium on, or any installment of interest on any Debt Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the interest or any premium thereon, or change the method of computing the amount of principal thereof or interest thereon on any date or change any place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Debt Security or any premium or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption or repayment, on or after the redemption date or the repayment date, as the case may be), or (ii) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of any series, the consent of whose holders is required for any such modification, or the consent of whose holders is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or certain defaults thereunder and their consequences provided for in the Indenture, or (iii) modify any of the provisions of certain Sections of the Indenture, including the provisions summarized in this paragraph, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of the Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Debt Security affected thereby. (Section 902)

DEFEASANCE OF THE INDENTURE AND DEBT SECURITIES

If the terms of any series of Debt Securities so provide, the Company will be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness on all the outstanding Debt Securities of such series by (a) depositing with the Trustee (i) as trust funds in trust an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on all Debt Securities of such series for principal, premium and interest or (ii) as obligations in trust such amount of direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully guaranteed by, the government which issued the currency in which the Debt Securities are denominated as will, together with the income to accrue thereon without consideration of any reinvestment thereof, be sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on all such Debt Securities for principal, premium and interest and (b) satisfying certain other conditions precedent specified in the Indenture. (Section 403) In the event of any such defeasance, holders of such Debt Securities would be able to look only to such trust fund for payment of principal of, any premium on, and any interest on their Debt Securities.

Such defeasance is likely to be treated as a taxable exchange by holders of the relevant Debt Securities for an issue consisting of either obligations of the trust or a direct interest in the cash and securities held in the trust, with the result that such holders would be required for tax purposes to recognize gain or loss as if such obligations or the cash or securities deposited, as the case may be, had actually been received by them in exchange for their Debt Securities. In addition, if the holders are treated as the owners of their proportionate share of the cash or securities held in trust, such holders would then be required to include in their income for tax purposes any income, gain or loss attributable thereto even though no cash was actually received. Thus, such holders might be required to recognize income for tax purposes in different amounts and at different times than would be recognized in the absence of defeasance. Prospective investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors as to the specific consequences of defeasance.

CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE

Citibank, N.A. conducts normal banking relationships with the Company and certain of its subsidiaries and, in addition, is a participant in various financial agreements of the Company. Citibank, N.A. acts as trustee under certain equipment trust agreements of the Company's railroad subsidiaries and trustee under various indentures in respect of certain securities of the Company and its subsidiaries.

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

The following is a description of certain general terms and provisions of the Preferred Stock. The particular terms of any series of Preferred Stock will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. If so indicated in a Prospectus Supplement, the terms of any such series may differ from the terms set forth below.

The summary of terms of the Company's Preferred Stock contained in this Prospectus does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the provisions of the Company's Revised Articles of Incorporation, and the certificate of amendment relating to each series of the Preferred Stock (the "Certificate of Amendment") which will be filed as an exhibit to or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus is a part at or prior to the time of issuance of such series of the Preferred Stock.

The Company's Revised Articles of Incorporation authorize the issuance of 20,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, without par value. No shares of Preferred Stock are currently outstanding, and no shares are reserved for issuance. The Company's Board of Directors is authorized to issue Preferred Stock in one or more series from time to time, with such designations, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, as may be provided in resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors. All shares of any one series of Preferred Stock shall be identical in all respects, except that shares of any one series issued at different times may differ as to the dates from which dividends thereon may be cumulative. All series shall rank equally and shall provide for other terms as described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

Preferred Stock of a particular series shall have the dividend, liquidation, redemption, conversion and voting rights set forth below unless otherwise provided in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series. Reference is made to the Prospectus Supplement relating to a particular series of Preferred Stock for specific terms, including: (i) the distinctive serial designation and the number of shares constituting such series; (ii) the dividend rate or rates, the payment date or dates for dividends and the participating or other special rights, if any, with respect to dividends; (iii) any redemption, sinking fund or other analogous provisions applicable to such Preferred Stock; (iv) the amount or amounts payable upon the shares of Preferred Stock in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company prior to any payment or distribution of the assets of the Company to the holders of any class or classes of stock which are junior in rank to the Preferred Stock; (v) any terms for the conversion into or exchange for shares of Common Stock, shares of Preferred Stock or Debt Securities and (vi) any other specific terms of the Preferred Stock not inconsistent with the Company's Revised Articles of Incorporation and any applicable Certificate of Amendment. The term "class or classes of stock which are junior in rank to the Preferred Stock" means the Common Stock and any other class or classes of stock of the Company hereafter authorized which shall rank junior to the Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation.

DIVIDENDS

Holders of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors out of funds of the Company legally available therefor, cash dividends payable on such dates in March, June, September and December of each year and at such rates per share per annum as set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. The Prospectus Supplement will also indicate the applicable record dates regarding the payment of dividends. The holders of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to such cash dividends before any dividends on any class or classes of stock junior in rank to Preferred Stock shall be declared or paid or set apart for payment. Whenever dividends shall not have been so paid or declared or set apart for payment upon all shares of each series of Preferred Stock, such dividends shall be cumulative and shall be paid, or declared and set apart for payment, before any dividends can be declared or paid on any class or classes of stock of the Company junior in rank to the Preferred Stock. Any such accumulations of dividends on Preferred Stock shall not bear interest. The foregoing shall not apply to dividends payable in shares of any class or classes of stock junior in rank to the Preferred Stock.

CONVERTIBILITY

No series of Preferred Stock will be convertible into, or exchangeable for, shares of Common Stock, shares of Preferred Stock or any other class or classes of stock of the Company or Debt Securities except as set forth in the related Prospectus Supplement.

REDEMPTION AND SINKING FUND

No series of Preferred Stock will be redeemable or receive the benefit of a sinking, retirement or other analogous fund except as set forth in the related Prospectus Supplement.

LIQUIDATION RIGHTS

Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, holders of any series of Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive payment of or to have set aside for payment the liquidation amount per share, if any, specified in the related Prospectus Supplement, in each case together with any applicable accrued and unpaid dividends, before any distribution to holders Common Stock. A voluntary sale, lease, exchange or transfer (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all of the Company's property or assets to, or a consolidation or merger of the Company with, one or more corporations shall not be deemed to be a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company for purposes of this paragraph.

VOTING RIGHTS

Except as provided below, holders of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share held and shall vote together with the holders of Common Stock as one class for the election of directors and upon all other matters which may be voted upon by stockholders of the Company. Holders of Preferred Stock shall possess cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. See "Description of Common Stock -- Voting Rights" for a discussion of such cumulative voting rights.

If dividends on the Preferred Stock shall be in arrears in an aggregate amount at least equal to six quarterly dividends, then the holders of all series of Preferred Stock, voting separately as one class, shall be entitled, at the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company or at a special meeting held in place thereof, or at a special meeting of the holders of the Preferred Stock called as provided below, to elect two directors of the Company. While the holders of Preferred Stock are so entitled to elect two directors of the Company, they shall not be entitled to participate with the Common Stock in the election of any other directors. Whenever all arrearages in dividends on the Preferred Stock shall have been paid and dividends thereon for the current quarterly period shall have been paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set aside, then the right of the holders of the Preferred Stock to elect two directors shall cease, provided that such voting rights shall again vest in the case of any similar future arrearages in dividends.

At any time after the right to vote for two directors shall have so vested in the Preferred Stock, the Secretary of the Company may, and upon the written request of the holders of record of 10% or more of the shares of Preferred Stock then outstanding, shall, call a special meeting of the holders of the Preferred Stock for the election of the directors to be elected by them, to be held within 30 days after such call and at the place and upon the notice provided by law and in the Company's bylaws for the holding of meetings of stockholders. The Secretary shall not be required to call such meeting in the case of any such request received less than 90 days before the date fixed for any annual meeting of stockholders of the Company. If any such special meeting shall not be called by the Secretary within 30 days after receipt of any such request, then the holders of record of 10% or more of the shares of Preferred Stock then outstanding may designate in writing one of their number to call such meeting, and the person so designated may call such meeting to be held at the place and upon the notice provided above, and for that purpose shall have access to the stock ledger of the Company. No such special meeting and no adjournment thereof shall be held on a date later than 30 days before the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company or a special meeting held in place thereof next succeeding the time when the holders of the Preferred Stock become entitled to elect directors as provided above.

If any meeting of the Company's stockholders shall be held while holders of Preferred Stock are entitled to elect two directors as provided above, and if the holders of at least a majority of the shares of Preferred Stock then outstanding shall be present or represented by proxy at such meeting or any adjournment thereof, then, by vote of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of Preferred Stock present or so represented at such meeting, the then authorized number of directors of the Company shall be increased by two and at such meeting the holders of the Preferred Stock shall be entitled to elect the additional directors so provided for, but no such additional director so elected shall hold office beyond the annual meeting of the stockholders or a special meeting held in place thereof next succeeding the time when the holders of the Preferred Stock become entitled to elect two directors as provided above. Whenever the holders of the Preferred Stock shall be divested of special voting power as provided above, the terms of office of all persons elected as directors by the holders of the Preferred Stock as a class shall forthwith terminate, and the authorized number of directors of the Company shall be reduced accordingly.

The affirmative vote or consent of 66-2/3% of all shares of Preferred Stock outstanding shall be required before the Company may (i) create any other class or classes of stock prior in rank to the Preferred Stock, either as to dividends or upon liquidation, or increase the number of authorized shares of such class of stock, or (ii) amend, alter or repeal any provisions of the Company's Revised Articles of Incorporation or any resolution adopted by the Board of Directors providing for the issuance of any series of Preferred Stock so as to adversely affect the preferences, rights or powers of the Preferred Stock. The affirmative vote or consent of at least a majority of the shares of Preferred Stock at the time outstanding shall be required for the Company to (i) increase the authorized number of shares of Preferred Stock, (ii) create or increase the authorized number of shares of any other class of stock ranking on a parity with the Preferred Stock either as to dividends or upon liquidation, or (iii) sell, lease or convey all or substantially all of the property or business of the Company, or voluntarily liquidate, dissolve or wind up the Company, or merge or consolidate the Company with any other corporation unless the resulting or surviving corporation will have after such merger or consolidation no stock either authorized or outstanding (except such stock of the corporation as may have been authorized or outstanding immediately preceding such merger or consolidation, or such stock of the resulting or surviving corporation as may be issued in exchange therefor) prior in rank either as to dividends or upon liquidation to the Preferred Stock or the stock of the resulting or surviving corporation issued in exchange therefor. No consent of the holders of Preferred Stock shall be required in connection with any mortgaging or other hypothecation by the Company of all or any part of its property or business.

CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS

The Company's Revised Articles of Incorporation provide that certain transactions between the Company and a beneficial owner of more than 10% of the Company's voting stock (which includes Preferred Stock) must either (1) be approved by a majority of the Company's voting stock other than that held by such beneficial owner, (2) satisfy certain minimum price and procedural criteria, or (3) be approved by a majority of the Company's directors who are not related to such beneficial owner. The transactions covered by these provisions include mergers, consolidations, sales or dispositions of assets, adoption of a plan of liquidation or dissolution, or other transactions increasing the proportionate share of such 10% beneficial owner.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Preferred Stock offered hereby has no preemptive rights, is not liable for further assessments or calls and will be fully paid and nonassessable upon issuance. Shares of Preferred Stock which have been issued and reacquired in any manner by the Company shall resume the status of authorized and unissued shares of Preferred Stock and shall be available for subsequent issuance. There are no restrictions on repurchase or redemption of the Preferred Stock while there is any arrearage in dividends or sinking fund installments except as may be set forth in the related Prospectus Supplement.

TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

The transfer agent and registrar for each series of Preferred Stock will be described in the related Prospectus Supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

The following summary does not purport to be complete and is subject in all respects to the applicable provisions of the Revised Business Corporation Law of the State of Utah and the Company's Revised Articles of Incorporation. The Company is presently authorized to issue 500,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$2.50 per share. At December 3, 1996, an aggregate of 246,418,200 shares of Common Stock were outstanding.

DIVIDENDS

Subject to the rights of holders of any Preferred Stock which may be issued, the holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors out of any funds legally available therefor. The Company may not pay dividends on Common Stock (other than dividends payable in Common Stock or any other class or classes of stock junior in rank to the Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation) unless all dividends accrued on outstanding Preferred Stock have been paid or declared and set apart for payment.

VOTING RIGHTS

Holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote for each share held. Except as provided in the related Prospectus Supplement, any series of Preferred Stock will be entitled, with certain exceptions, to vote together with the holders of Common Stock as one class. See "Description of Preferred Stock -- Voting Rights."

LIQUIDATION RIGHTS

Any Preferred Stock would be senior to the Common Stock as to distributions upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. After distribution in full of the preferential amounts to be distributed to holders of Preferred Stock, holders of Common Stock will be entitled to receive all remaining assets of the Company available for distribution to stockholders in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation.

CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS

The Company's Revised Articles of Incorporation provide for certain voting rights for the holders of the Company's voting stock (including Common Stock) in the case of certain transactions between the Company and a beneficial owner of more than 10% of the Company's voting stock. See "Description of Preferred Stock - - Certain Transactions."

MISCELLANEOUS

The Common Stock is not redeemable, has no preemptive or conversion rights and is not liable for further assessments or calls. All shares of Common Stock offered hereby will be fully paid and nonassessable.

TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Harris Trust & Savings Bank is the transfer agent and registrar for the Common Stock. The Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES WARRANTS

The Company may issue Securities Warrants for the purchase of Debt Securities or Preferred Stock. Securities Warrants may be issued independently or together with any Debt Securities or shares of Preferred Stock offered by any Prospectus Supplement and may be attached to or separate from such Debt Securities or shares of Preferred Stock. The Securities Warrants are to be issued under Warrant Agreements to be entered into between the Company and Citibank, N.A., as Warrant Agent, or such other bank or trust company as is named in the Prospectus Supplement relating to the particular issue of Securities Warrants (the "Warrant Agent"). The Warrant Agent will act solely as an agent of the Company in connection with the Securities Warrants and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders of Securities Warrants or beneficial owners of Securities Warrants. The following summaries of certain provisions of the form of Warrant Agreement and Securities Warrants do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the applicable Warrant Agreement and the Securities Warrants.

GENERAL

If Securities Warrants are offered, the Prospectus Supplement will describe the terms of the Securities Warrants, including the following: (i) the offering price; (ii) the currency, currencies or currency units for which Securities Warrants may be purchased; (iii) the designation, aggregate principal amount, currency, currencies or currency units and terms of the Debt Securities purchasable upon exercise of the Warrants and the price at which such Debt Securities may be purchased upon such exercise; (iv) the designation, number of shares and terms of the series of Preferred Stock purchasable upon exercise of the Securities Warrants to purchase Preferred Stock and the price at which such shares of Preferred Stock may be purchased upon such exercise; (v) if applicable, the designation and terms of the Debt Securities or Preferred Stock with which the Securities Warrants are issued and the number of Securities Warrants issued with each such Debt Security or share of Preferred Stock; (vi) if applicable, the date on and after which the Securities Warrants and the related Debt Securities or Preferred Stock will be separately transferable; (vii) the date on which the right to exercise the Securities Warrants shall commence and the date (the "Expiration Date") on which such right shall expire; (viii) whether the Securities Warrants will be issued in registered or bearer form; (ix) a discussion of certain Federal income tax, accounting and other special considerations, procedures and limitations relating to the Securities Warrants; and (x) any other terms of the Securities Warrants.

Securities Warrants may be exchanged for new Securities Warrants of different denominations, may (if in registered form) be presented for registration of transfer, and may be exercised at the corporate trust office of the Warrant Agent or any other office indicated in the Prospectus Supplement. Before the exercise of their Securities Warrants, holders of Securities Warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the Debt Securities or shares of Preferred Stock purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive payments of principal of, any premium on, or any interest on, the Debt Securities purchasable upon such exercise or to enforce the covenants in the Indenture or to receive payments of dividends, if any, on the Preferred Stock purchasable upon such exercise or to exercise any applicable right to vote.

EXERCISE OF SECURITIES WARRANTS

Each Securities Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase such principal amount of Debt Securities or such number of shares of Preferred Stock at such exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or calculable from, the Prospectus Supplement relating to the Securities Warrant. Securities Warrants may be exercised at such times as are set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such Securities Warrants. After the close of business on the Expiration Date (or such later date to which such Expiration Date may be extended by the Company), unexercised Securities Warrants will become void.

Subject to any restrictions and additional requirements that may be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto, Securities Warrants may be exercised by delivery to the Warrant Agent of the certificate evidencing such Securities Warrants properly completed and duly executed and of payment as provided in the Prospectus Supplement of the amount required to purchase the Debt Securities or shares of

Preferred Stock purchasable upon such exercise. The exercise price will be the price applicable on the date of payment in full, as set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to the Securities Warrants. Upon receipt of such payment and the certificate representing the Securities Warrants to be exercised properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the Warrant Agent or any other office indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, the Company will, as soon as practicable, issue and deliver the Debt Securities or shares of Preferred Stock purchasable upon such exercise. If fewer than all of the Securities Warrants represented by such certificate are exercised, a new certificate will be issued for the remaining amount of Securities Warrants.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Company may sell the Offered Securities offered hereby (i) through underwriters or dealers; (ii) through agents; (iii) directly to purchasers; or (iv) through a combination of any such methods of sale. Any such underwriter, dealer or agent may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act. The Prospectus Supplement relating to the Offered Securities will set forth their offering terms, including the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents, the purchase price of the Offered Securities and the proceeds to the Company from such sale, any underwriting discounts, commissions and other items constituting compensation to underwriters, dealers or agents, any initial public offering price, any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid by underwriters or dealers to other dealers, and any securities exchanges on which the Offered Securities may be listed.

If underwriters or dealers are used in the sale, the Offered Securities will be acquired by the underwriters or dealers for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, or at prices related to such prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices. The Offered Securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more of such firms. Unless otherwise set forth in the Prospectus Supplement, the obligations of underwriters or dealers to purchase the Offered Securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent and the underwriters or dealers will be obligated to purchase all the Offered Securities if any are purchased. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid by underwriters or dealers to other dealers may be changed from time to time.

Offered Securities may be sold directly by the Company or through agents designated by the Company from time to time. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of the Offered Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered will be named, and any commissions payable by the Company to such agent will be set forth, in the Prospectus Supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

If so indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, the Company will authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers by certain specified institutions to purchase Offered Securities from the Company at the public offering price set forth in the Prospectus Supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. Such contracts will be subject to any conditions set forth in the Prospectus Supplement and the Prospectus Supplement will set forth the commission payable for solicitation of such contracts. The underwriters and other persons soliciting such contracts will have no responsibility for the validity or performance of any such contracts.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may be entitled under agreements entered into with the Company to indemnification by the Company against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution by the Company to payments they may be required to make in respect thereof. The terms and conditions of such indemnification will be described in an applicable Prospectus Supplement. Underwriters, dealers and agents may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for the Company in the ordinary course of business.

Each series of Offered Securities other than Common Stock will be a new issue of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom Offered Securities are sold by the Company for public offering and sale may make a market in such Offered Securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for any Offered Securities.

LEGAL OPINIONS

The validity of the Offered Securities will be passed upon for the Company by Richard J. Ressler, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel of the Company, and for the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, by Cravath, Swaine & Moore, Worldwide Plaza, 825 Eighth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10019, unless otherwise specified in the Prospectus Supplement. Mr. Ressler owns 16,573 shares of Common Stock, including retention shares granted under the Company's 1993 Stock Option and Retention Stock Plan, and holds options to purchase 95,618 additional shares of the Common Stock. Cravath, Swaine & Moore has provided legal services from time to time to the Company and its affiliates.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 1995 and 1994 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1995, incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report which is incorporated herein by reference, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

NO DEALER, SALESPERSON OR OTHER PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION NOT CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT OR THE PROSPECTUS AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATION MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE COMPANY OR ANY UNDERWRITER. THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE PROSPECTUS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR A SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY ANY OF THE SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY IN ANY JURISDICTION TO ANY PERSON TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER IN SUCH JURISDICTION. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT OR THE PROSPECTUS NOR ANY SALE MADE HEREUNDER SHALL, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, CREATE ANY IMPLICATION THAT THE INFORMATION HEREIN IS CORRECT AS OF ANY TIME SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE HEREOF OR THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY SINCE SUCH DATE.

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