SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Final Amendment)

Southern Pacific Rail Corporation (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$.001 Per Share (Title of class of securities)

843584 10 3 (CUSIP number)

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This Final Amendment amends and supplements the Schedule 13D relating to the beneficial ownership by UP Acquisition Corporation ("Purchaser"), a former Delaware corporation and a former wholly owned subsidiary of Union Pacific Railroad Company, a Utah corporation ("UPRR") and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation ("Parent"), UPRR and Parent of shares of Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Shares"), of Southern Pacific Rail Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company").

Unless otherwise indicated herein, each capitalized term used and not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule 14D-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Purchaser, UPRR and Parent or in the Offer to Purchase referred to therein.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

On September 11, 1996, in accordance with the Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 12, 1996 (the "Amended Merger Agreement"), by and among Parent, UPRR, UP Holding Company, Inc., a Utah corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("Holding"), Union Pacific Merger Co., a former Delaware corporation and a former wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("Mergerco"), and the Company, the Company merged with and into Holding, with Holding as the surviving corporation. A copy of the press release announcing consummation of the merger is attached hereto as exhibit (g)(9) and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. As a result, the Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent. This constitutes the final amendment to the Schedule 13D with respect to the Shares.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

(g)(9) Press Release issued by Parent on September 11, 1996 announcing consummation of the merger.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 11, 1996

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION

By: /s/ Carl W. von Bernuth Name: Carl W. von Bernuth Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 11, 1996

96 UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

By: /s/ Carl W. von Bernuth Name: Carl W. von Bernuth Title: Vice President and General Counsel

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 11, 1996 UNION PACIFIC MERGER CO.

By: /s/ Carl W. von Bernuth Name: Carl W. von Bernuth Title: Vice President

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 11, 1996 UP HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Carl W. von Bernuth Name: Carl W. von Bernuth Title: Vice President

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UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UNION PACIFIC MERGER WITH SOUTHERN PACIFIC BECOMES EFFECTIVE BETHLEHEM, PA, September 11 -- Union Pacific Corporation today announced that it has completed the necessary filings and transactions to finalize its merger with Southern Pacific Rail Corporation.

"This is an historic day for Union Pacific," said Drew Lewis, Union Pacific chairman and chief executive officer. "A lot of people have worked extremely hard to make this day a reality. It's a proud moment for the entire Union Pacific family, and we look forward to putting the two railroads together as efficiently as possible for the benefit of our customers."

Lewis said UP and SP will start to combine administrative functions shortly, with total implementation, including the merger of operations, taking at least two years.

The combined UP/SP system will operate 31,000 miles of track in 24 states. It will operate more than 2,000 trains each day, using 6,400 locomotives and more than 142,000 freight cars.

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

September 11, 1996

VIA EDGAR

Securities and Exchange Commission Judiciary Plaza 450 Fifth Street Washington, DC 20549

> Re: Schedule 13D relating to beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share, of Southern Pacific Rail Corporation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Rule 13d-2 of the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, enclosed for filing via EDGAR is the Final Amendment to the Schedule 13D (the "Final Amendment"), including all exhibits thereto.

If you have any questions regarding the attached Final Amendment, please call the undersigned at (212) 735-2116.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Richard J. Grossman

Attachments

cc: The New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Southern Pacific Rail Corporation