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SUBJECT:

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)

SUMMARY:

This briefing will provide an overview of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) operations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) is the principal operating company of Union Pacific Corporation, one of America's most recognized companies. Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) connects 23 states, providing a critical link in the global supply chain. Since 2013, UPRR has invested over \$34 billion in its network and operations to support America's transportation infrastructure.

UPRR Facts:

- 32,534 route miles in 23 states with 7 border crossings
- 8.2 million annual carloads

- 7,338 locomotives
- 33,179 employees
- 30,000 railroad crossings
- 16,700 bridges

With more than 6,000 track miles, Union Pacific (UP) trains crisscross Texas serving customers that drive economic development. From the oil fields in West Texas to the refineries in the southeast, wind farms in the panhandle, border crossings in the south and retail warehousing locations statewide, Union Pacific delivers the raw materials and finished goods keeping the Lone Star State growing.

UP continues to serve many of the fastest-growing U.S. population centers, operates from all major West Coast and Gulf Coast ports to eastern gateways, connects with Canada's rail systems, and is the only railroad serving all six major Mexico gateways. UP provides value to its roughly 10,000 customers by delivering products in a safe, reliable, fuel-efficient, and environmentally responsible manner. UPRR operations reduce truck traffic on taxpayer funded roads, which leads to fewer necessary local investments for maintenance. Trains also release 75% fewer greenhouse gas emissions when compared to trucks.

In San Antonio, UPRR has recently began rail infrastructure improvements to include the benefits of overpasses that provide drivers with unimpeded access across the tracks. Union Pacific is the largest rail operator in San Antonio and owns 325 railroad crossings within City limits.

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