As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 28, 2004.

Registration No. 333-

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Utah

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

13-2626465 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1416 Dodge Street Omaha, NE

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

68179 (Zip Code)

Union Pacific Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (Full title of plan)

JAMES J. THEISEN, JR. Senior Corporate Counsel UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION 1416 Dodge Street Omaha, NE 68179 (402) 271-5777

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of securities to be registered | Amount to be registered | Proposed maximum offering price per share (1) | | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (1) | Amount of registration fee |
|--|----------------------------|---|-------|---|----------------------------------|
| Common Stock, Par Value \$2.50 Per Share | 21,000,000 | \$ | 56.52 | \$ 1,186,920,000 | \$ 150,383 |

(1) Estimated pursuant to paragraphs(c) and (h) of Rule 457 solely for purpose of calculating the registration fee based upon the average of the high and low sales price of Common Stock on May 24, 2004.

PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. <u>Plan Information</u>.*

Item 2. <u>Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information</u>.*

*Information required by Part I of Form S-8 to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and the Note to Part I of Form S-8. The document(s) containing such information will be sent or given to participating employees as specified in Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which have been filed previously by the Union Pacific Corporation ("the Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and made a part hereof:

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003;
- (b) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Annual Report referred to in (a) above; and
- (c) The description of the Common Stock, par value \$2.50 per share, that is contained in the Company's 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 reports and other documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

For purposes of this Registration Statement, any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated herein by reference modifies or supersedes such statement in such document. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

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Item 4. <u>Description of Securities</u>.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

An opinion stating that the Common Stock registered hereunder, when issued in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, will be valid and binding obligations of the Company has been rendered to the Company on May 28, 2004 by James J. Theisen, Jr., Esq., Senior Corporate Counsel of the Company. Mr. Theisen owns approximately 1,037 shares of Common Stock, including retention shares granted under the Company's 1993 Stock Option and Retention Stock Plan and 2001 Stock Incentive Plan, and holds options to purchase 1,600 additional shares of Common Stock. Mr. Theisen is eligible to receive awards under the Plan.

Item 6. <u>Indemnification of Directors and Officers</u>.

The Company is a Utah corporation. Section 16-10a-901 <u>et seq</u>. of the Revised Business Corporation Act of Utah grants to a corporation the power and in certain cases requires corporations to indemnify a person made a party to a lawsuit or other proceeding because such person is or was a director or officer. A corporation is further empowered to purchase insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in such capacity or arising out of his or her status as such capacity. The Company's By-Laws provide for mandatory indemnification of its directors, officers and employees in certain circumstances. The Company maintains insurance on behalf of directors and officers against liability asserted against them arising out of their status as such.

The Company's Articles of Incorporation eliminate in certain circumstances the personal liability of directors of the Company for monetary damages for a breach of their fiduciary duty as directors. This provision does not eliminate the liability of a director for (i) the amount of a financial benefit received by a director to which he or she is not entitled, (ii) an intentional infliction of harm on the corporation or the shareholders, (iii) a violation of Section 16-10a-842 of the Revised Business Corporation Act of Utah (relating to the liability of directors for unlawful distributions) or (iv) an intentional violation of criminal law.

Item 7. <u>Exemption from Registration Claimed</u>.

Not applicable.

Item 8. <u>Exhibits</u>.

The exhibits filed as part of this Registration Statement are as follows:

| Exhibit Number | | Exhibit |
|----------------|---|--|
| 5 | - | Opinion of James J. Theisen, Jr., Esq. |
| 23.1 | - | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP |
| 23.2 | - | Consent of James J. Theisen, Jr., Esq. (included in Exhibit 5 above) |
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Item 9. <u>Undertakings</u>.

(a) The undersigned Company hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent posteffective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this Section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Company hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Company's Annual Report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities

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offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Omaha, State of Nebraska, on this 28th day of May, 2004.

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION

By: /s/ James J. Theisen, Jr.

James J. Theisen, Jr. Senior Corporate Counsel

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below on this 28th day of May, 2004, by the following persons in the capacities indicated.

Title

Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)

Executive Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)

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Signature

/s/ Richard K. Davidson

(Richard K. Davidson)

/s/ Robert M.Knight, Jr.

(Robert M. Knight, Jr.)

/s/ Richard J. Putz

(Richard J. Putz)

/s/ Thomas E. Whitaker By:

Philip F. Anschutz Thomas J. Donohue Archie W. Dunham Spencer F. Eccles Ivor J. Evans Judith Richards Hope Michael W. McConnell Steven R. Rogel Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon Director) Director Director Director Director Director Director Director Director

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(Thomas E. Whitaker as Attorney-in-Fact)

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Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As Senior Corporate Counsel of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Company"), I am familiar with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), of 21,000,000 shares of the common stock, \$2.50 par value per share, of the Company ("Common Stock"), issuable by the Company, pursuant to the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

In connection therewith, I have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 relating to the registration under the Act of the above-mentioned shares of Common Stock, which is being filed this date with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and I have supervised and am familiar with all corporate and shareholder proceedings taken to date in connection with the authorization and approval of the Plan.

I have examined and relied upon originals or copies, certified or otherwise authenticated to my satisfaction, of all corporate records, documents, agreements or other instruments of the Company and have made such investigation of law as I have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Plan.

Based upon the foregoing, I am of the opinion that:

The 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock when issued and delivered pursuant to the provisions of the Plan contemplated will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

I hereby consent to the reference made to me in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed the date hereof and to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5 to such Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ James J. Theisen, Jr.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of Union Pacific Corporation on Form S-8 of our report dated February 6, 2004, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Union Pacific Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2003.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Omaha, Nebraska May 28, 2004

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Philip F. Anschutz, a Director of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby appoint Richard K. Davidson and Thomas E. Whitaker, and each of them acting individually, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each with power to act without the other in full power of substitution, to execute, deliver and file, for and on my behalf, and in my name and in my capacity as a Director, a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (or other appropriate form) for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any other documents in support thereof or supplemental or amendatory thereto, with respect to the issuance of up to 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Corporation pursuant to the Union Pacific Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, hereby granting to such attorneys and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever as such attorney or attorneys may deem necessary or advisable to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing as I might or could do personally or in my capacity as Director, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things which such attorney or attorneys may do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney as of May 28, 2004.

/s/ Philip F. Anschutz

Philip F. Anschutz

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Thomas J. Donohue, a Director of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby appoint Richard K. Davidson and Thomas E. Whitaker, and each of them acting individually, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each with power to act without the other in full power of substitution, to execute, deliver and file, for and on my behalf, and in my name and in my capacity as a Director, a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (or other appropriate form) for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any other documents in support thereof or supplemental or amendatory thereto, with respect to the issuance of up to 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Corporation pursuant to the Union Pacific Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, hereby granting to such attorneys and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever as such attorney or attorneys may deem necessary or advisable to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing as I might or could do personally or in my capacity as Director, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things which such attorney or attorneys may do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney as of May 28, 2004.

/s/ Thomas J. Donohue

Thomas J. Donohue

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Archie W. Dunham, a Director of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby appoint Richard K. Davidson and Thomas E. Whitaker, and each of them acting individually, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each with power to act without the other in full power of substitution, to execute, deliver and file, for and on my behalf, and in my name and in my capacity as a Director, a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (or other appropriate form) for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any other documents in support thereof or supplemental or amendatory thereto, with respect to the issuance of up to 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Corporation pursuant to the Union Pacific Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, hereby granting to such attorneys and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever as such attorney or attorneys may deem necessary or advisable to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing as I might or could do personally or in my capacity as Director, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things which such attorney or attorneys may do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney as of May 28, 2004.

/s/ Archie W. Dunham

Archie W. Dunham

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Spencer F. Eccles, a Director of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby appoint Richard K. Davidson and Thomas E. Whitaker, and each of them acting individually, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each with power to act without the other in full power of substitution, to execute, deliver and file, for and on my behalf, and in my name and in my capacity as a Director, a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (or other appropriate form) for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any other documents in support thereof or supplemental or amendatory thereto, with respect to the issuance of up to 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Corporation pursuant to the Union Pacific Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, hereby granting to such attorneys and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever as such attorney or attorneys may deem necessary or advisable to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing as I might or could do personally or in my capacity as Director, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things which such attorney or attorneys may do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney as of May 28, 2004.

/s/ Spencer F. Eccles

Spencer F. Eccles

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Ivor J. Evans, a Director of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby appoint Richard K. Davidson and Thomas E. Whitaker, and each of them acting individually, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each with power to act without the other in full power of substitution, to execute, deliver and file, for and on my behalf, and in my name and in my capacity as a Director, a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (or other appropriate form) for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any other documents in support thereof or supplemental or amendatory thereto, with respect to the issuance of up to 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Corporation pursuant to the Union Pacific Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, hereby granting to such attorneys and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever as such attorney or attorneys may deem necessary or advisable to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing as I might or could do personally or in my capacity as Director, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things which such attorney or attorneys may do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney as of May 28, 2004.

/s/ Ivor J. Evans

Ivor J. Evans

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Judith Richards Hope, a Director of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby appoint Richard K. Davidson and Thomas E. Whitaker, and each of them acting individually, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each with power to act without the other in full power of substitution, to execute, deliver and file, for and on my behalf, and in my name and in my capacity as a Director, a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (or other appropriate form) for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any other documents in support thereof or supplemental or amendatory thereto, with respect to the issuance of up to 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Corporation pursuant to the Union Pacific Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, hereby granting to such attorneys and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever as such attorney or attorneys may deem necessary or advisable to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing as I might or could do personally or in my capacity as Director, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things which such attorney or attorneys may do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney as of May 28, 2004.

/s/ Judith Richards Hope

Judith Richards Hope

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Michael W. McConnell, a Director of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby appoint Richard K. Davidson and Thomas E. Whitaker, and each of them acting individually, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each with power to act without the other in full power of substitution, to execute, deliver and file, for and on my behalf, and in my name and in my capacity as a Director, a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (or other appropriate form) for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any other documents in support thereof or supplemental or amendatory thereto, with respect to the issuance of up to 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Corporation pursuant to the Union Pacific Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, hereby granting to such attorneys and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever as such attorney or attorneys may deem necessary or advisable to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing as I might or could do personally or in my capacity as Director, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things which such attorney or attorneys may do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney as of May 28, 2004.

/s/ Michael W. McConnell

Michael W. McConnell

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Steven R. Rogel, a Director of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby appoint Richard K. Davidson and Thomas E. Whitaker, and each of them acting individually, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each with power to act without the other in full power of substitution, to execute, deliver and file, for and on my behalf, and in my name and in my capacity as a Director, a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (or other appropriate form) for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any other documents in support thereof or supplemental or amendatory thereto, with respect to the issuance of up to 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Corporation pursuant to the Union Pacific Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, hereby granting to such attorneys and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever as such attorney or attorneys may deem necessary or advisable to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing as I might or could do personally or in my capacity as Director, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things which such attorney or attorneys may do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney as of May 28, 2004.

/s/ Steven R. Rogel

Steven R. Rogel

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon, a Director of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby appoint Richard K. Davidson and Thomas E. Whitaker, and each of them acting individually, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, each with power to act without the other in full power of substitution, to execute, deliver and file, for and on my behalf, and in my name and in my capacity as a Director, a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (or other appropriate form) for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any other documents in support thereof or supplemental or amendatory thereto, with respect to the issuance of up to 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Corporation pursuant to the Union Pacific Corporation 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, hereby granting to such attorneys and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever as such attorney or attorneys may deem necessary or advisable to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing as I might or could do personally or in my capacity as Director, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things which such attorney or attorneys may do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney as of May 28, 2004.

/s/ Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon

Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon