## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 15, 2018 (August 10, 2018)

## **UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Utah (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation) **1-6075** (Commission File Number) 13-2626465 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1400 Douglas Street, Omaha, Nebraska** (Address of principal executive offices)

68179 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (402) 544-5000

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

#### (b) and (c) Departure and Appointment of Certain Officers

On August 10, 2018, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Union Pacific Railroad Company (the "Railroad"), the principal operating subsidiary of Union Pacific Corporation (the "Company"), acting upon a recommendation of the Compensation and Benefits Committee, elected Thomas A. Lischer as Executive Vice President – Operations of the Railroad effective August 15, 2018. Mr. Lischer succeeds Cameron A. Scott, who will remain at the Company as Vice President until his retirement on February 28, 2018, and will assist in facilitating the transition process. Mr. Lischer, age 46, most recently served as Vice President of the Harriman Dispatching Center and Network Operations for the Railroad. Prior to this election, Mr. Lischer served in the following positions at the Railroad over the last five years: Assistant Vice President of Operations for the North Region (September, 2016 – April, 2017), Assistant Vice President of Locomotive Distribution and Network Operations (April, 2014 – September, 2016), and General Superintendent of Transportation Services (February, 2011 – April, 2014). There are no family relationships between Mr. Lischer and any director or executive officer of the Company. Mr. Lischer is not party to any transaction in which the Company is a participant.

Additionally, the Board elected Elizabeth F. Whited to serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer of the Railroad. Ms. Whited will be responsible for Human Resources and Labor Relations functions and will lead the Company's new employee engagement and culture initiatives. The Board elected Kenyatta (Kenny) G. Rocker as Executive Vice President – Marketing and Sales of the Railroad effective August 15, 2018, to succeed Ms. Whited. Mr. Rocker, age 46, most recently served as Vice President Marketing and Sales – Industrial Products. Prior to this election, Mr. Rocker served in the following positions at the Railroad over the last five years: Assistant Vice President Chemicals (April, 2014 – September 2016) and Assistant Vice President Industrial Products – Marketing (March, 2012 – April, 2014). There are no family relationships between Mr. Rocker and any director or executive officer of the Company. Mr. Rocker is not party to any transaction in which the Company is a participant.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

A copy of the Company's press release dated August 15, 2018, related to the foregoing announcements is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Union Pacific Corporation, dated August 15, 2018.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 15, 2018

## UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ James J. Theisen, Jr.</u> James J. Theisen, Jr. Vice President Corporate Law & Compliance Assistant Secretary

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## For Immediate Release

### **Union Pacific Announces Executive Management Appointments**

Chief Operating Officer Cameron Scott Announces Retirement

Company Shifts its Network Planning & Operations Function to Better Align with Strategic Vision

**Omaha, Neb., August 15, 2018 -** Union Pacific today announced the following executive management appointments:

- Beth Whited to executive vice president and chief human resources officer.
- Tom Lischer to executive vice president, Operations.
- Kenny Rocker to executive vice president, Marketing and Sales.
- · David Giandinoto to vice president, Harriman Dispatching Center and Network Operations.
- · Kari Kirchhoefer to vice president, Industrial.

The appointments are effective immediately.

"This new organization positions us to tackle the challenges and opportunities of today and into the future," said Lance Fritz, Union Pacific chairman, president and chief executive officer. "Specifically, we must deliver a more consistent and reliable service product for our customers, and we need to further engage employees to unlock new levels of passion and dedication while leveraging our diverse talents."

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Cameron Scott announced his retirement, effective Feb. He will serve as a company vice president until then.

Whited is responsible for Union Pacific's Human Resources and Labor Relations functions and will lead the company's new employee engagement and culture initiatives. She served as executive vice president and chief marketing officer since November 2016. She previously led Union Pacific's Chemicals business for four years, served as vice president of the company's National Customer Service Center and held a variety of executive roles in Strategic Planning, Investor Relations, Finance, and Marketing and Sales, including president of subsidiary Union Pacific Distribution Services. Whited joined the company in 1987. She succeeds Sherrye Hutcherson.

Tom Lischer is responsible for the company's train operations throughout the railroad's 23 states. He is in charge of all transportation services including managing and maintaining locomotives, rail cars, tracks, train dispatching and crew calling; as well as Mechanical and Engineering functions. He most recently led Union Pacific's centralized train dispatching organization since April 2017. He has held many leadership roles within the company's Operating department including assistant vice president, locomotive distribution and network

operations, and positions in all three of Union Pacific's Operating department regions. Lischer joined the company in 1995. He succeeds Scott.

Kenny Rocker is responsible for the company's four major business units: Agriculture, Energy, Industrial and Premium, including Union Pacific's Mexico business that accounted for approximately 11 percent of the railroad's total 2017 volume. He also oversees the company's Customer Care and Support team and the Loup Logistics subsidiary. Rocker served as vice president and general manager of Union Pacific's Industrial business since August 2016. He held various positions during his railroad career including assignments in Automotive, the Market Development and Sales Center, and Chemicals. Rocker joined Union Pacific in 1994. He succeeds Whited.

Giandinoto leads Union Pacific's centralized train dispatching organization with responsibility for keeping trains moving safely and efficiently. He joined Union Pacific in 1994 and most recently served as assistant vice president, locomotive distribution and network operations. He has held leadership roles in the Operating as well as Marketing and Sales departments, including assistant vice president of the company's Northern Region operations, general superintendent at the Proviso yard in Chicago and general manager of the Union Pacific Distribution Services subsidiary. He succeeds Lischer.

Kirchhoefer is responsible for customers in multiple commodity areas including construction, lumber and paper products, metals and ores, specialized markets, minerals, industrial chemicals, plastics and soda ash. She most recently served as vice president, Customer Care & Support. Kirchhoefer has held numerous leadership positions during her 26-year Union Pacific career including vice president and general manager, Chemicals, president of the company's Streamline subsidiary, and Agricultural Products and Market Development and Sales Center roles. She succeeds Rocker.

"Beth, Tom and Kenny will bring experience, energy and expertise to their important leadership roles, while David and Kari have successful track records and are well prepared to take on even greater levels of responsibility," Fritz said.

## **Cameron Scott Retiring**

Scott was Union Pacific's executive vice president and chief operating officer since February 2014. He had been vice president, Network Planning and Operations, since 2012, where he was responsible for directing the railroad's service design and evaluation, transportation planning, network and capital planning, network development and joint facilities activities. He served as vice president of operations for Union Pacific's Western Region prior to that. Scott joined the company in 1990.

"I want to offer my sincere thanks to Cameron and Sherrye for their hard work and dedication to Union Pacific," Fritz said. "Cameron has been a true champion of employee safety, and the company has made great strides because of it, leading the industry each of the past three years. I also wish to convey my appreciation to Sherrye for the commitment and effort she gave during her time at Union Pacific."

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#### **Network Planning & Operations**

Union Pacific's Network Planning & Operations (NPO) function will shift its reporting structure to Lynden Tennison, executive vice president and chief strategy officer to better align with the company's strategic vision. It previously reported to the chief operating officer and was embedded in the company's Operating department.

"The NPO team plays a key role in Union Pacific's business planning and management processes," Fritz said. "This shift creates greater opportunities to coordinate between our Operating department, Marketing and Sales, and Finance areas to align and modify our transportation plan with technology as we continue to develop new and innovative ways to serve our customers."

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### **About Union Pacific**

Union Pacific Railroad is the principal operating company of Union Pacific Corporation (NYSE: UNP). One of America's most recognized companies, Union Pacific Railroad connects 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country by rail, providing a critical link in the global supply chain. From 2008-2017, Union Pacific invested approximately \$34 billion in its network and operations to support America's transportation infrastructure. The railroad's diversified business mix is classified into its Agricultural Products, Energy, and Industrial and Premium business groups. Union Pacific serves 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. Union Pacific provides value to its roughly 10,000 customers by delivering products in a safe, reliable, fuel-efficient and environmentally responsible manner.

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