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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 23, 2004

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## Union Pacific Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Utah**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-6075**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-2626465**  
(I.R.S. 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)

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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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On November 18, 2004, Union Pacific Corporation (the "Company") agreed to make a public offering of \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.875% Notes due 2015 (the "Notes") pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement with Credit Suisse First Boston LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated (the "Underwriting Agreement"), as representatives of Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Capital, Inc., Daiwa Securities America Inc., Lazard Frères & Co. LLC, and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, the additional underwriters of the offering. The sale of the Notes was registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), by Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-111185) filed with the SEC by the Company, which was declared effective by the SEC on December 29, 2003 (the "Registration Statement"). The form of the Underwriting Agreement was filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and a Prospectus regarding the offering was filed with the SEC under Rule 424(b)(5) of the Act. A Prospectus Supplement pertaining to the offering was filed with the SEC on November 22, 2004.

Attached to this report is an opinion regarding the issuance of the Notes on November 23, 2004, which is delivered in connection with the offerings. The opinion is delivered by James J. Theisen, Jr., Assistant General Counsel of the Company, and supplements the original opinion delivered in connection with the filing of, and included as an exhibit to, the Registration Statement.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.****(c) Exhibits.**

- 5.1 Opinion and consent of James J. Theisen, Jr., Assistant General Counsel of the Company, regarding the offering of certain debt securities under a shelf registration statement.
- 23.1 Consent of James J. Theisen, Jr. (included as part of Exhibit 5.1)

**SIGNATURES**

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: November 23, 2004

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION

By: /s/ J. Michael Hemmer

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J. Michael Hemmer  
Senior Vice President –Law and  
General Counsel

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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November 23, 2004

Union Pacific Corporation  
1400 Douglas Street  
Omaha, NE 68179

Re: Union Pacific Corporation \$250,000,000 4.875% Notes due 2015

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am the Assistant General Counsel of Union Pacific Corporation, a Utah corporation (the "Company"), and have advised the Company in connection with (i) the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-111185), as amended (the "Registration Statement") and (ii) the offering of \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 4.875% Notes due 2015 (the "Notes") under the Registration Statement, as described in the Prospectus, dated December 29, 2003, and included as part of the Registration Statement (the "Prospectus"), and the Prospectus Supplement, dated November 18, 2004 (the "Prospectus Supplement"). The Notes are being issued pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of December 20, 1996 (the "Indenture"), between the Company and Citibank, N.A., as Trustee (the "Trustee"). I am rendering this opinion in connection with the referenced offering of the Notes.

I, or attorneys under my supervision, have examined the Indenture and such other documents and made such other investigations as I have deemed necessary or advisable for purposes of rendering this opinion. Except with respect to the Company, I have assumed in connection with my review of such documents the genuineness of all signatures thereto and the legal capacity and authority of all individuals executing such documents. Based on the foregoing and assuming that (i) the Global Security (as defined in the Prospectus Supplement) is duly authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the Indenture and (ii) the Notes are offered and sold in the manner described in the Prospectus Supplement and the Registration Statement, including the Prospectus, I am of the opinion that the Notes will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company and to any references to me contained therein.

Very truly yours,

/S/ James J. Theisen, Jr.

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James J. Theisen, Jr., Assistant  
General Counsel, Union Pacific  
Corporation