DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

FALSE PROCEED SIGNAL REPORT

All railroads subject to Regulations of the Federal Railroad Administration shall submit a false proceed signal report, original only, to the Federal Railroad Administration within five days after a false proceed occurs. If no false proceed occurs during any calendar month, a report showing "No Failures" must be filed within ten days after the end of the month.

Copies of this form will be furnished upon request to the Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Safety, Washington, D.C. 20590.

MAIL TO

Director of Railroad Safety
Federal Railroad Administration
901 Locust Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

REPORT FOR (month/year)

November, 2003

DATE

December 1, 2003

REPORTING CARRIER (railroad & region or division)

Union Pacific Railroad 1416 Dodge Street Omaha, NE - 68179

Tucson Service Unit

REPORTING OFFICER (signature/title)

Chief Engineer-Signals

The following abbreviations may be used in the report:

A failure should not be counted more than one time in items 1, 2, 3, and 4; the failure should be classified under the basic system or appliance of which it forms an essential part. E.g.; assume grounds range a block signal to indicate a false proceed causing corresponding indications of a cab signal system on each train approaching this point, such failures should be included in item 1, Block Systems.

A false proceed failure is a failure of a system, device or appliance to indicate or function as intended which results in less restriction than intended.

A = Automatic

AB = Automatic block

ACS = Automatic Cab Signal

APB = Absolute permissive block

ATC = Automatic train control ATS = Automatic train stop

CL = Color light

E = Electric

CPL = Color position light

MB = Manual block
M = Mechanical

P -= Pneumatic

FP = False proceed

PL = Position light SA = Semiautomatic

EM = Electromechanical

EP = Electropneumatic

TC = Traffic Control

TYPE OF SYSTEM		DATE	LOCOMOTIVE NUMBER	DEVICE THAT FAILED	LOCATION(city and state)
1 BLOCK SYSTEMS AB APB	X TC	11/20/03	UP 2236	none	Vaughn, NM
2 INTERLOCKING □ REMOTE	☐ AUTOMATIC ☐ MANUAL				6 - 8 Jans
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS ATS ATC	ACS			0,	EC - 8 12
OTHER (Specify)			,		

NATURE AND CAUSE OF FAILURE/CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

On November 20, 2003, at 14:32 MST, in Vaughn, NM, on the Carrizozo Subdivision, westbound MHNEP-19, on the main track, at MP 741.2, reported the westbound absolute signal at CP TC741 (West Vaughn) was green, then turned to red, with the switch at West Vaughn lined against him.

An investigation revealed the red signal appeared green for a short time, from reflection off the top of the signal hood, while the westbound train was rounding a curve.

The signal was realigned, and all applicable tests were performed.