## 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): October 25, 2018 (October 25, 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):

- □ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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

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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 25, 2018, Union Pacific Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2018. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
  - 99.1 Press Release of Union Pacific Corporation, dated October 25, 2018, announcing its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2018.

#### 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: October 25, 2018

#### UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert M. Knight, Jr. Robert M. Knight, Jr. Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## Exhibit Index

99.1 Press Release of Union Pacific Corporation, dated October 25, 2018.

## Union Pacific Reports Record Third Quarter Results Third Quarter Diluted Earnings per Share up 43 Percent

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Third Quarter Results

- Diluted earnings per share of \$2.15 increased 43 percent.
- Operating income totaled \$2.3 billion, up 9 percent.
- Operating ratio of 61.7 percent, flat with third quarter 2017 (see footnote 1).

**OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 25, 2018** – Union Pacific Corporation (NYSE: UNP) today reported 2018 third quarter net income of \$1.6 billion, or a third quarter record \$2.15 per diluted share. This compares to \$1.2 billion, or \$1.50 per diluted share, in the third quarter 2017.

"While we reported solid financial results, we did not make the service and productivity gains that we expected during the quarter. However, we are making progress implementing our new Unified Plan 2020 and we are well positioned to drive improvement going forward," said Lance Fritz, Union Pacific chairman, president and chief executive officer. "I am confident we have the right people and plans in place to improve our operations, provide more reliable service for our customers, and achieve industry-leading financial performance."

## Third Quarter Summary

Operating revenue of \$5.9 billion was up 10 percent in the third quarter 2018 compared to the third quarter 2017. Third quarter carloads increased 6 percent compared to 2017. Volume increases in industrial, premium, and agricultural products more than offset declines in energy. In addition:

- Quarterly freight revenue improved 10 percent compared to the third quarter 2017, as volume growth, higher fuel surcharge revenue, and core pricing gains were partially offset by negative mix of traffic.
- Union Pacific's 61.7 percent operating ratio was flat *(see footnote)* compared to the third quarter 2017.
- The \$2.38 per gallon average quarterly diesel fuel price in the third quarter 2018 was 34 percent higher than the third quarter 2017.
- Quarterly train speed, as reported to the Association of American Railroads, was 24.0 mph, 6 percent slower than the third quarter 2017.
- Union Pacific's year-to-date reportable personal injury rate of 0.77 per 200,000 employee hours improved 1 percent compared to the year-to-date rate achieved in 2017.
- The Company repurchased 2.2 million shares in the third quarter 2018.

## **Summary of Third Quarter Freight Revenues**

- Energy up 1 percent
- Agricultural Products up 6 percent
- Industrial up 13 percent
- Premium up 18 percent

## Outlook

"Looking ahead, I am confident that the recent progress we have made on our Unified Plan 2020 will accelerate in the near term. As we move forward with its implementation, along with other G55 + 0 initiatives, we will regain our productivity momentum and improve the value proposition for all of our stakeholders," Fritz said.

**<u>Footnote 1</u>**: Certain prior period amounts have been adjusted for the retrospective adoption of Accounting Standard Update 2017-07 related to the presentation of the components of net periodic pension and other postretirement benefit costs.

## Third Quarter 2018 Earnings Conference Call

Union Pacific will host its third quarter 2018 earnings release presentation live over the Internet and via teleconference on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 8:45 a.m. Eastern Time. The presentation will be webcast live over the internet on Union Pacific's website at <u>www.up.com/investor</u>. Alternatively, the webcast can be accessed directly through the following <u>link</u>. Participants may join the conference call by dialing 877/407-8293 (or for international participants, 201/689-8349).

## **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. In the past 10 years, 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 includes Agricultural Products, Energy, Industrial and Premium. 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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## Supplemental financial information is attached.

This presentation and related materials contain statements about the Company's future that are not statements of historical fact, including specifically the statements regarding the Company's expectations with respect to economic conditions; its ability to generate financial returns; improve resource productivity; enhancing the customer experience; implementing corporate strategies; and providing excellent service to its customers and returns to its shareholders. These statements are, or will be, forward-looking statements as defined by the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements also generally include, without limitation, information or statements regarding: projections, predictions, expectations, estimates or forecasts as to the Company's and its subsidiaries' business, financial, and operational results, and future economic performance; and management's beliefs, expectations, goals, and objectives and other similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts.

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Forward-looking statements should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of the times that, or by which, such performance or results will be achieved. Forward-looking information, including expectations regarding operational and financial improvements and the Company's future performance or results are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in the statement. Important factors, including risk factors, could affect the Company's and its subsidiaries' future results and could cause those results or other outcomes to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Information regarding risk factors and other cautionary information are available in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2017, which was filed with the SEC on February 9, 2018. The Company updates information regarding risk factors if circumstances require such updates in its periodic reports on Form 10-Q and its subsequent Annual Reports on Form 10-K (or such other reports that may be filed with the SEC).

Forward-looking statements speak only as of, and are based only upon information available on, the date the statements were made. The Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking information to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting forwardlooking information. If the Company does update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be drawn that the Company will make additional updates with respect thereto or with respect to other forward-looking statements. References to our website are provided for convenience and, therefore, information on or available through the website is not, and should not be deemed to be, incorporated by reference herein.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)

Millions, Except Per Share Amounts and Percentages,		3	rd G	Quarter			Y	ear	-to-Date	
For the Periods Ended September 30,		2018		2017	%		2018		2017	%
Operating Revenues										
Freight revenues	\$	5,558	\$	5,050	10 %	\$	15,997	\$	14,750	8 %
Other		370		358	3		1,078		1,040	4
Total operating revenues		5,928		5,408	10		17,075		15,790	8
Operating Expenses										
Compensation and benefits*		1,262		1,237	2		3,776		3,703	2
Fuel		659		450	46		1,891		1,344	41
Purchased services and materials		632		615	3		1,861		1,778	5
Depreciation		547		528	4		1,636		1,573	4
Equipment and other rents		272		275	(1)		803		824	(3)
Other		287		230	25		801		709	13
Total operating expenses		3,659		3,335	10		10,768		9,931	8
Operating Income		2,269		2,073	9		6,307		5,859	8
Other income*		48		90	(47)		48		212	(77)
Interest expense		(241)		(180)	34		(630)		(531)	19
Income before income taxes		2,076		1,983	5		5,725		5,540	3
Income taxes		(483)		(789)	(39)		(1,313)		(2,106)	(38)
Net Income	\$	1,593	\$	1,194	33 %	\$	4,412	\$	3,434	28 %
Share and Per Share										
Earnings per share - basic	\$	2.16	\$	1.50	44 %	\$	5.82	\$	4.27	36 %
Earnings per share - diluted	Ψ \$	2.15	Ψ \$	1.50	43	Ψ \$	5.79	Ψ \$	4.26	36
Weighted average number of shares - basic	Ψ	737.4	Ψ	794.5	(7)	Ψ	758.1	Ψ	803.4	(6)
Weighted average number of shares - diluted		740.9		797.6	(7)		761.4		806.5	(6)
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.80	\$	0.605	32	\$	2.26	\$	1.815	25
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Operating Ratio*		61.7%		61.7%	-pts		63.1%		62.9%	0.2 pts
Effective Tax Rate		23.3%		39.8%	(16.5)pts		22.9%		38.0%	(15.1)pts

\* Certain prior period amounts have been adjusted for the retrospective adoption of Accounting Standard Update 2017-07 related to the presentation of the components of net periodic pension and other postretirement benefit costs.

Freight Revenues Statistics (unaudited)

	3rd Quarter						Year-to-Date					
For the Periods Ended September 30,		2018		2017	%		2018		2017	%		
Freight Revenues (Millions)												
Agricultural Products	\$	1,133	\$	1,072	6 %	\$	3,345	\$	3,230	4 %		
Energy		1,214		1,204	1		3,498		3,285	6		
Industrial		1,497		1,324	13		4,274		3,922	9		
Premium		1,714		1,450	18		4,880		4,313	13		
Total	\$	5,558	\$	5,050	10 %	\$	15,997	\$	14,750	8 %		
Revenue Carloads (Thousands)												
Agricultural Products		285		280	2 %		849		859	(1)%		
Energy		440		448	(2)		1,246		1,234	1		
Industrial		458		419	9		1,321		1,249	6		
Premium [a]		1,133		1,041	9		3,250		3,079	6		
Total		2,316		2,188	6 %		6,666		6,421	4 %		
Average Revenue per Car												
Agricultural Products	\$	3,973	\$	3,827	4 %	\$	3,939	\$	3,760	5 %		
Energy		2,757		2,690	2		2,807		2,663	5		
Industrial		3,269		3,159	3		3,236		3,140	3		
Premium		1,513		1,392	9		1,501		1,401	7		
Average	\$	2,399	\$	2,307	4 %	\$	2,400	\$	2,297	4 %		

[a] For intermodal shipments each container or trailer equals one carload.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (unaudited)

Millions, Except Percentages	Sep. 30, 2018	Dec. 31, 2017
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,275
Short-term investments	90	90
Other current assets	2,916	2,641
Investments	1,887	1,809
Net properties	52,210	51,605
Other assets	399	386
Total assets	\$ 59,312	\$ 57,806
Liabilities and Common Shareholders' Equity	 	
Debt due within one year	\$ 1,468	\$ 800
Other current liabilities	3,061	3,139
Debt due after one year	20,943	16,144
Deferred income taxes	11,270	10,936
Other long-term liabilities	1,925	1,931
Total liabilities	38,667	32,950
Total common shareholders' equity	20,645	24,856
Total liabilities and common shareholders' equity	\$ 59,312	\$ 57,806

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

Millions,		-Dat	Date		
For the Periods Ended September 30,		2018		2017	
Operating Activities					
Net income	\$	4,412	\$	3,434	
Depreciation		1,636		1,573	
Deferred income taxes		312		514	
Other - net		14		(123)	
Cash provided by operating activities		6,374		5,398	
Investing Activities					
Capital investments		(2,428)		(2,379)	
Purchases of short-term investments		(90)		(90)	
Maturities of short-term investments		90		60	
Other - net		(6)		149	
Cash used in investing activities		(2,434)		(2,260)	
Financing Activities					
Share repurchase programs		(7,024)		(2,882)	
Debt issued		6,992		2,285	
Debt repaid		(1,807)		(471)	
Dividends paid		(1,716)		(1,460)	
Net issuance of commercial paper		195		-	
Other - net		(45)		(40)	
Cash used in financing activities		(3,405)		(2,568)	
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents		535		570	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,275		1,277	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$	1,810	\$	1,847	
Free Cash Flow*					
Cash provided by operating activities	\$	6,374	\$	5,398	
Cash used in investing activities		(2,434)		(2,260)	
Dividends paid		(1,716)		(1,460)	
Free cash flow	\$	2,224	\$	1,678	

\* Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure; however, we believe this measure is important to management and investors in evaluating our financial performance and measures our ability to generate cash without additional external financing.

Operating and Performance Statistics (unaudited)

	3	Brd Quarter	Year-to-Date				
For the Periods Ended September 30,	2018	2017	%	2018	2017	%	
Operating/Performance Statistics							
Gross ton-miles (GTMs) (millions)	240,183	229,791	5 %	698,050	671,547	4 %	
Employees (average)	42,323	42,056	1	42,057	42,127	-	
GTMs (millions) per employee	5.67	<b>5.67</b> 5.46 4		16.60	15.94	4	
Locomotive Fuel Statistics							
Average fuel price per gallon consumed	\$ 2.38	\$ 1.77	34 %	\$ 2.27	\$ 1.74	30 %	
Fuel consumed in gallons (millions)	266	245	9	803	744	8	
Fuel consumption rate*	1.109	1.063	4	1.151	1.107	4	
AAR Reported Performance Measures		05.4	(0)0(		05.5	(4)0(	
Average train speed (miles per hour)	24.0	25.4	(6)%	24.5	25.5	(4)%	
Average terminal dwell time (hours)	29.3	30.0	(2)	30.6	29.6	3	
Revenue Ton-Miles (Millions)							
Agricultural Products	25.911	24,708	5 %	76.992	75.944	1 %	
Energy	45,190	46.032	(2)	129.154	126.535	2	
Industrial	25,899	24,467	6	75,939	73,615	3	
Premium	26,313	23,763	11	76,264	71,777	6	
Total	123,313	118,970	4 %	358,349	347,871	3 %	

\* Fuel consumption is computed as follows: gallons of fuel consumed divided by gross ton-miles in thousands.

# **UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES** Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)

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Millions, Except Per Share Amounts and Percentages,	1:	st Qtr	2	nd Qtr		3rd Qtr	Yea	r-to-Date
Operating Revenues								
Freight revenues	\$	5,122	\$	5,317	\$	5,558	\$	15,997
Other revenues		353		355		370		1,078
Total operating revenues	:	5,475		5,672		5,928		17,075
Operating Expenses								
Compensation and benefits		1,273		1,241		1,262		3,776
Fuel		589		643		659		1,891
Purchased services and materials		599		630		632		1,861
Depreciation		543		546		547		1,636
Equipment and other rents		266		265		272		803
Other		266		248		287		801
Total operating expenses		3,536		3,573		3,659		10,768
Operating Income		1,939		2,099		2,269		6,307
Other income/(expense)		(42)		42		48		48
Interest expense		(186)		(203)		(241)		(630)
Income before income taxes		1,711		1,938		2,076		5,725
Income taxes		(401)		(429)		(483)		(1,313)
Net Income	\$	1,310	\$	1,509	\$	1,593	\$	4,412
Share and Per Share								
Earnings per share - basic	\$	1.69	\$	1.98	\$	2.16	\$	5.82
Earnings per share - diluted	\$	1.68	\$	1.98	\$	2.15	\$	5.79
Weighted average number of shares - basic		776.4		760.5		737.4		758.1
Weighted average number of shares - diluted		779.6		763.7		740.9		761.4
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.73	\$	0.73	\$	0.80	\$	2.26
Operating Ratio	(	64.6%		63.0%		61.7%		63.1%
Effective Tax Rate		23.4%		22.1%		23.3%		22.9%

Freight Revenues Statistics (unaudited)

			2	2018			
	15	st Qtr	2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		-to-Date
Freight Revenues (Millions)							
Agricultural Products	\$	1,098	\$ 1,114	\$	1,133	\$	3,345
Energy		1,173	1,111		1,214		3,498
Industrial		1,340	1,437		1,497		4,274
Premium		1,511	1,655		1,714		4,880
Total	\$ 5	5,122	\$ 5,317	\$	5,558	\$	15,997
Revenue Carloads (Thousands)							
Agricultural Products		279	285		285		849
Energy		419	387		440		1,246
Industrial		411	452		458		1,321
Premium [a]		1,016	1,101		1,133		3,250
Total	2	2,125	2,225		2,316		6,666
Average Revenue per Car							
Agricultural Products	\$ 3	3,942	\$ 3,903	\$	3,973	\$	3,939
Energy		2,799	2,874		2,757		2,807
Industrial	:	3,262	3,178		3,269		3,236
Premium		1,487	1,503		1,513		1,501
Average	\$ 2	2,411	\$ 2,389	\$	2,399	\$	2,400

[a] For intermodal shipments each container or trailer equals one carload.

Non-GAAP Measures Reconciliation to GAAP

#### Adjusted Debt / Adjusted EBITDA\*

Millions, Except Ratios	Sep. 30,	Dec. 31,
for the Trailing Twelve Months Ended [a]	2018	2017
Net income	\$ 11,690	\$ 10,712
Less:		
Other income	81	245
Add:		
Income tax expense/(benefit)	(3,873)	(3,080)
Depreciation	2,168	2,105
Interest expense	818	719
EBITDA	\$ 10,722	\$ 10,211
Interest on present value of operating leases	85	98
Adjusted EBITDA (a)	\$ 10,807	\$ 10,309
Debt	\$ 22,411	\$ 16,944
Net present value of operating leases	1,929	2,140
Unfunded pension and OPEB, net of taxes of \$137 and \$238	452	396
Adjusted debt (b)	\$ 24,792	\$ 19,480
Adjusted debt / Adjusted EBITDA (b/a)	2.3	1.9

[a] The trailing twelve months income statement information ended September 30, 2018 is recalculated by taking the twelve months ended December 31, 2017, subtracting the nine months ended September 30, 2017, and adding the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

\* Total debt plus net present value of operating leases plus after-tax unfunded pension and OPEB obligation divided by net income less income tax benefit and other income plus depreciation, interest expense, and interest on present value of operating leases. Operating leases were discounted using 4.4% at September 30, 2018, and 4.6% at December 31, 2017. Adjusted debt to adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and interest on present value of operating leases) is considered a non-GAAP financial measure by SEC Regulation G and Item 10 of SEC Regulation S-K and may not be defined and calculated by other companies in the same manner. We believe this measure is important to management and investors in evaluating the Company's ability to sustain given debt levels (including leases) with the cash generated from operations. In addition, a comparable measure is used by rating agencies when reviewing the Company's credit rating. Adjusted debt to Adjusted EBITDA should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, net income. The table above provides reconciliations from net income to adjusted debt to adjusted EBITDA.