

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION**  
**FALSE PROCEED SIGNAL REPORT**

REPORT FOR (month/year)

July 1996

DATE

July 25, 1996

REPORTING CARRIER (railroad & region or division)

Union Pacific Railroad  
 1416 Dodge Street  
 Omaha, Nebraska  
 St. Louis Service Unit

REPORTING OFFICER (signature/title)

P. M. Abaray, Chief Engineer-Signals

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

**FEDERAL RAILROAD**  
 Director of Railroad Safety  
**Federal Railroad Administration**  
 City Center Square, Suite 1130  
 1100 Main Street  
 Kansas City, MO 64105-2112

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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
- CPL = Color position light
- E = Electric
- EM = Electromechanical
- EP = Electropneumatic
- FP = False proceed
- MB = Manual block
- M = Mechanical
- P = Pneumatic
- PL = Position light
- SA = Semiautomatic
- TC = Traffic Control

TYPE OF SYSTEM	DATE	LOCOMOTIVE NUMBER	DEVICE THAT FAILED	LOCATION(city and state)
1 BLOCK SYSTEMS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AB <input type="checkbox"/> APB <input type="checkbox"/> TC	7/17/96	HOCHT-16	None	Glenwood, Illinois
2 INTERLOCKING <input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMATIC <input type="checkbox"/> REMOTE <input type="checkbox"/> MANUAL				
3 AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS <input type="checkbox"/> ATS <input type="checkbox"/> ATC <input type="checkbox"/> ACS				
4 OTHER (Specify)				

NATURE AND CAUSE OF FAILURE/CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

On July 17, 1996, at approximately 1840 CDT, on the Chicago Subdivision, the northbound HOCHT-16 accepted an Approach aspect at Signal 250, Milepost 24.9, on the northward main track and proceeded north stopping short of the northbound UGCC-17 stopped ahead in the block.

An investigation revealed that a tree had fallen through the pole line at Milepost 22.3 wrapping the northward HD wires with the HD wires for the southbound main track and energizing the northward HD wires falsely.

The signal system was restored to proper operation, and all applicable tests were performed.

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