



CNW C628s 6711-6720 and UP U50 43 ready to depart C&NW's East Minneapolis Yard with train #490 on December 29, 1973.

—Ralph Back

UP U50s on the C&NW

In late December 1973 the CNW leased 7 Union Pacific U50s (UP 32, 36, 37, 43, 45, 51, and 53) which were only used about 30 days, in trailing position, before being returned to the UP when it was found they were in questionable condition and had a tendency to derail on C&NW's trackage.

C&NW C628s

Thirty Alco C628s CNW 6701-6730, built as Norfolk and Western 1100-1129, were leased to C&NW in February 1973 and purchased in June 1973. The ex-N&W C628's ran around in varying stages of N&W black or blue for a few months after purchase as power short CNW put most of them to work with just a quick renumbering and a small "CNW" stencil on the cab. After two years of service on the Twin Cities Division, the thirty C628s were transferred to ore service on C&NW's Lake Shore Division.