



WPMW 8522 strains under a load of 45 tons of rail removed from UP's Portola Yard. It was soon unloaded to a more secure location.



Alaska E9B No. P-7

Alaska power car P-7 has had an interesting history. This unit was built for Union Pacific in October, 1955 (EMD #20510) as No. 970B, one of 25 UP E8B and E9B units. In 1972 it was sold to Amtrak and renumbered 468. In late 1975 the ICG Paducah shops removed the engines and traction motors and it was converted to a heater car receiving two large steam generators, a power generator and an air compressor. Its new number was 1919, later changed to 669. In the early 1980's it was sold to the Alaska Railroad along with another ex-UP E9B, No. 963B. Alaska P-7 was retired in 1989 and purchased by our Rail Society. Only 39 E8B's and 44 E9B's were built and as far as we can tell only 6 E9B's are left.