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SERVICE DATE – OCTOBER 16, 2013

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. EP 711

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO ADOPT REVISED
COMPETITIVE SWITCHING RULES

Decided: October 16, 2013

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Postponement of public hearing scheduled for October 22, 2013.

SUMMARY: Because of the Government shutdown, the Surface Transportation Board is postponing the public hearing on the petition by The National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) concerning mandatory competitive switching.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: After the Government reopens, any party seeking further information may contact Nathaniel Bawcombe at (202) 245-0376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By decision served August 13, 2013, the Board noticed a public hearing in this proceeding, to be held on October 22, 2013, at the Board's headquarters located at 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC. The hearing was set to explore further the proposal submitted by NITL to modify the Board's standards for mandatory competitive switching and the related comments filed in this proceeding. Because of the Government shutdown, however, the Board is postponing the hearing at this time. The Board intends to reschedule the hearing at a future date.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The public hearing in this proceeding set for October 22, 2013 is postponed until further notice.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Begeman, and Commissioner Mulvey.