

EXPEDITED TREATMENT REQUESTED

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Docket No. FD 35743

APPLICATION OF THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION UNDER
49 U.S.C. § 24308(a) – CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY

JOINT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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	APPROVED: <u>Richard Armstrong</u> Acting Director
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By its stamp order served December 19, 2013, the Board adopted the revised procedural schedule for this proceeding jointly proposed by the parties. Under that schedule, opening submissions by both parties are currently due on January 29, 2014.

Applicant National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) and respondents Illinois Central Railroad Company and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company (together, “CN”) have determined that a further extension of at least 30 days for the filing of opening submissions is warranted for purposes of discovery. Although the parties intend to proceed expeditiously with discovery, even with this requested extension they recognize that additional time will likely be necessary to complete discovery reasonably in advance of opening submissions. Accordingly, the parties intend to review the progress of discovery, meet and confer, and then report to the Board no later than February 14 regarding further modifications to the schedule as may be appropriate.

Accordingly, Amtrak and CN hereby request jointly, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1104.7(b), a further 30-day extension of the filing date for opening submissions and a corresponding adjustment of the subsequent dates in the procedural schedule, so that (subject to further review,

as appropriate, next month) the schedule shall be as follows:¹

February 28, 2014	Due date for opening submissions by both parties;
April 4, 2014	Due date for rebuttal submissions by both parties;
May 5, 2014	Due date for opening briefs of both parties;
May 26, 2014	Due date for reply briefs of both parties.

WHEREFORE, Amtrak and CN respectfully request that the Board extend by 30 days (until February 28, 2014) the due date for filing of opening statements by both parties, and that it adjust correspondingly as shown above all subsequent dates in the procedural schedule adopted by the Board in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ In view of the imminence of the January 29 filing date, Amtrak and CN request expedited treatment by the Board of their extension request.