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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St., S.E.

Re: Ex Parte 714, Information Required in Notices and Petitions Containing Interchange Commitments: Request for Extension of Comment Deadline

Dear Ms. Brown:

The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (“ASLRRRA”) requests that the Board extend the deadline for Comments and Reply Comments in this proceeding for an additional 45 days to January 17, 2013 for Comments and to February 18, 2013 for Reply Comments. Interchange Commitments are a matter of intense interest among the almost 500 small railroads comprising the membership of ASLRRRA. Given the imposition of the Thanksgiving holiday and three major conferences and meetings to be hosted by the association during the month of November, absent an extension it will be very difficult for ASLRRRA to assess the views of the membership and respond with meaningful Comments in the very short period between the publication of the Decision in the Federal Register on November 2, 2012 and the current Comment deadline on December 3, 2012.

ASLRRRA thanks the Board for considering its request.

Respectfully,

Keith T. Borman
Vice President & General Counsel