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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Finance Docket No. 33556

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY, GRAND TRUNK CORPORATION, AND
GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILROAD INCORPORATED—CONTROL—ILLINOIS
CENTRAL CORPORATION, ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, CHICAGO,
CENTRAL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, AND CEDAR RIVER RAILROAD
COMPANY

Decision No. 26

Decided: November 30, 1998

This decision considers the emergency petition (designated as CN/IC-53) to modify the procedural schedule in this proceeding.¹ By petition filed November 30, 1998, applicants request an extension of time of 5 business days from December 11, 1998, for applicants to file their rebuttal and response to comments and requested conditions. Applicants refer to an extraordinary circumstance as the reason for their extension request.

An extension of 5 calendar days will be granted. Accordingly, the due date for applicants' rebuttal and response to comments and requested conditions will be extended to December 16, 1998. Rebuttal in support of inconsistent and responsive applications will be due 30 days later on January 15, 1999, instead of on January 11, 1999. The remainder of the procedural schedule will not change.

It is ordered:

1. The emergency extension request in CN/IC-53 is granted in part, as discussed in this decision. The due date for applicants' rebuttal and response to comments and requested conditions is extended to December 16, 1998. The due date for rebuttal in support of inconsistent and

¹ By application filed July 15, 1998, Canadian National Railway Company (CNR), Grand Trunk Corporation (GTC), and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW) (collectively with their affiliates, CN), Illinois Central Corporation (IC Corp.), Illinois Central Railroad Company (ICR), Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company (CCP), and Cedar River Railroad Company (CRRC) (referred to collectively as IC) seek approval and authorization under 49 U.S.C. 11321-26 for: (1) the acquisition of control by CNR of IC Corp., ICR, and ICR's railroad affiliates; and (2) for the resulting common control by CNR of GTW and its railroad affiliates and ICR and its railroad affiliates. CN and IC are referred to collectively as applicants.

responsive applications is extended to January 15, 1999. The procedural schedule, as revised, is set forth in the Appendix to this decision.

2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

APPENDIX: REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

December 16, 1998	Response to comments, protests, requested conditions, and other opposition due. Response to comments of DOJ and DOT due. Rebuttal in support of primary application and related application due. Response to inconsistent and responsive applications due.
January 15, 1999	Rebuttal in support of inconsistent and responsive applications due.
February 19, 1999	Briefs due, all parties (not to exceed 50 pages for applicants and not to exceed 25 pages for all other parties).
March 22, 1999	Oral argument (close of record).
March 29, 1999	Voting conference (at Board's discretion).
May 25, 1999	Date of service of final decision.