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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. EP 695

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION'S SALES AND DISCONTINUANCES

Decided: August 12, 2010

In a decision served May 17, 2010, in this proceeding, the Board ordered Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) to submit a full explanation by July 1, 2010, of (1) how and under what authority it came purportedly to transfer title to parts of a 2.27 mile line of railroad in Hudson County, N.J., known as the "Lehigh Valley Main Line" (the Line), to New Jersey Transit Corporation, and (2) when and under what authority and circumstances it purported to discontinue service on the Line. This order was the Board's reaction to Conrail seeking abandonment authority over the Line in November 2008 without disclosing that it had sold the Line in 1996. Additionally, the Board ordered Conrail to submit, by August 16, 2010, a report on all Conrail line sales and discontinuances since January 1, 1996. On July 1, 2010, Conrail filed an explanation concerning the transfer and discontinuance of the Line in accordance with the order.

On August 5, 2010, Conrail filed a request to extend the due date for its report on its sales and discontinuances for 6 weeks, from August 16, 2010, until September 27, 2010. Conrail indicates that it has been diligently pursuing its search and review of all its post-January 1, 1996 property sales, but that it needs more time to locate and review all potentially relevant records.

Conrail has demonstrated good cause for the sought extension. Accordingly, it will be granted.

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

It is ordered:

1. Conrail's request for an extension to file its report in this matter is granted.
2. The report is due by September 27, 2010.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.