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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 32760 (Sub-No. 25)

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION, UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,
AND MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY--CONTROL AND MERGER--
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAIL CORPORATION, SOUTHERN PACIFIC
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY
COMPANY, SPCSL CORP., AND THE DENVER AND RIO GRANDE
WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: April 6, 1998

By decision served on February 11, 1998, the Board ordered Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), the respondent in this proceeding, and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes (BMWE) to submit supplemental statements addressing certain concerns arising from BMWE's appeal of the October 15, 1997 Arbitration Award. A procedural schedule was established for the simultaneous filing of supplemental statements and of replies. By decision served on March 2, 1998, BMWE's motion for an extension of time in which to file supplemental statements and replies was granted. Subsequently, the parties filed a joint motion for a second extension of time. By decision served March 26, 1998, the joint motion was granted. Supplemental statements were due on March 30, 1998, and replies are due on April 9, 1998.

On March 27, 1998, UP filed a motion for a third extension of time to file opening supplemental statements. UP states that the negotiations with BMWE have been broadened to include the issue of establishment of system-wide gangs in UP's Eastern Territory that are not subject to BMWE's appeal of the October 15, 1997 Arbitration Award. UP requests an extension of time until May 9, 1998, in which to file opening supplemental statements. UP states that BMWE does not oppose the extension request.

The request is reasonable and will be granted. Because May 9, 1998, is a Saturday, supplemental statements will be due on the following Monday. Accordingly, the procedural schedule established in the March 26 decision will be modified as set forth below.

It is ordered:

1. The parties' supplemental statements are due May 11, 1998.

2. The parties' responses are due May 21, 1998.
3. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary