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SERVICE DATE – JUNE 23, 2010

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 35377

NORTH SHORE RAILROAD COMPANY—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION
EXEMPTION—PPL SUSQUEHANNA, LLC

Decided: June 22, 2010

On May 17, 2010, North Shore Railroad Company (North Shore), a Class III rail carrier, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41 to acquire a rail operating easement over approximately 6 miles of rail line in Luzerne County, Pa., owned by PPL Susquehanna, LLC (PPLS), a noncarrier. The easement extends from North Shore's existing rail line at milepost 171.0 at Berwick to milepost 177.0 at the PPLS power plant at Beach Haven.

By decision served June 3, 2010, the proceeding was held in abeyance because the Board found that North Shore had not provided sufficient information to evaluate the notice properly. The Board directed North Shore to submit additional information by June 23, 2010.

By letter filed June 21, 2010, North Shore requests that the due date for filing its additional information be extended for 30 days. North Shore states that it has compiled the requested information but has not had an opportunity to have the information reviewed and confirmed by representatives of PPLS. The extension request is reasonable and 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. North Shore's request for an extension of time is granted.
2. North Shore is directed to file the additional information identified in the June 3, 2010 decision by July 23, 2010.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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