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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-468 (Sub-No. 1X)

PADUCAH & LOUISVILLE RAILWAY, INC.--ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION--IN MUHLENBERG COUNTY, KY

Decided: November 7, 1996

On April 4, 1996, Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. (P&L), petitioned to be exempted under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon 12.84 miles of rail line in Muhlenberg County, KY, as follows: 6.70 miles of rail line from milepost J-126.6 at Central City to milepost J-133.3 at Greenville; and 6.14 miles of its Beech Creek Lead track (lead) from a point on the 6.7-mile line just north of Greenville to the end of the lead at Pond Creek.

In a decision served on October 4, 1996, the Board directed P&L to supplement the record by November 4, 1996, in the following areas: (1) the line's traffic, revenue, and operating costs; (2) the line's present condition; (3) the cost of rehabilitating the line; (4) the line's normalized maintenance expense; and (5) the line's net liquidation value. Additionally, the Board directed P&L to serve a copy of its supplemental statement simultaneously on Reed Minerals (Reed), a shipper and the only party protesting the proposed abandonment exemption.

In a motion filed on November 1, 1996, P&L asserts that its Chief Engineer has been out of town and unable to supply the requested data in a timely manner and requests a 30-day extension of the supplemental information due date. The extension request 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. The request for a 30-day extension is granted; by December 4, 1996, P&L shall file, and simultaneously serve on Reed, a copy of the supplemental statement, as specified in the Board's October 4, 1996 decision. Replies will be due by December 24, 1996.

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

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary