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SERVICE DATE – SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Ex Parte No. 661

RAIL FUEL SURCHARGES

Decided: September 14, 2006

On May 11, 2006, the Board held a public hearing to inquire as to the fuel surcharge practices employed by the railroad industry for purportedly recouping their rapid increases in costs for fuel. Based on the testimony received from the rail industry, the public, and the customers that the railroads serve, the Board proposed to adopt four measures regarding railroad practices involving fuel surcharges in a decision served on August 3, 2006. The Board sought comments from all interested parties on the proposals set out therein, and asked that comments be submitted by September 25, 2006.

In a letter filed September 7, 2006, the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) requested an extension of the due date for filing its comments in this proceeding until October 2, 2006. ASLRRA states that the additional time is needed because of the complexity of the fuel surcharge issue as it impacts ASLRRA members and the intensive travel schedule of ASLRRA's counsel. ASLRRA therefore requests a one-week extension of time.

ASLRRA's request for an extension of time to file comments in this proceeding is reasonable and will be granted. The deadline will be similarly extended for all other parties who wish to file comments. Accordingly, all comments will be due on October 2, 2006.

It is ordered:

1. ASLRRA's request for an extension of time to file comments in this proceeding is granted. All comments will be due on October 2, 2006.

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

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary