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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Ex Parte No. 586

ARBITRATION—VARIOUS MATTERS RELATING TO ITS USE
AS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF RESOLVING DISPUTES
THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION

Decided: December 12, 2001

In a decision served September 20, 2001, the Board initiated this proceeding and sought public comment to aid the agency in developing a public record that would assist Congress in considering whether binding arbitration should be legislatively prescribed for small railroad rate cases. Pursuant to the September 20 decision, several opening comments were timely filed.

Pursuant to the terms of the September 20 decision, replies are now due on December 24, 2001. The due date for replies will be extended by 10 days so that replies will now be due by January 3, 2002.

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

It is ordered:

1. The date on which replies are due is extended until January 3, 2002.
2. This decision will be effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary