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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 88)

CSX CORPORATION AND CSC TRANSPORTATION, INC., NORFOLK SOUTHERN
CORPORATION AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RY. COMPANY
—CONTROL AND OPERATING LEASES/AGREEMENTS—
CONRAIL INC. AND CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

(ARBITRATION REVIEW)

Decided: March 11, 1999

By motion filed on March 10, 1999, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, CSX Transportation, Inc., and Consolidated Rail Corporation (the Carriers) jointly request further extension of the deadlines for replying to (a) the petition for review filed by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (BMWE) on February 12, 1999, and (b) the petition for stay filed by BMWE on February 22, 1999.¹ The Carriers request that we adopt March 24, 1999, as the extended deadline for replying to both the petition for review and the petition for stay. The carriers argue that an extension is necessary to facilitate settlement negotiations and to allow additional time for counsel to deal with the issues presented in BMWE's petitions.

Because there are valid reasons for the requested extensions, they will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The deadlines for reply to BMWE's petition for review and BMWE's petition for stay are extended to and including March 24, 1999.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ Under 49 CFR 1104.13(a), a reply to a petition for review is due no later than 20 days after the petition is filed. Under 49 CFR 1115.5, a reply to a petition for stay is due no later than 5 days after the petition is filed. A prior extension was granted by decision served on February 24, 1999.