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SERVICE DATE – AUGUST 8, 2006

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 34892

STATE OF WASHINGTON V. PALOUSE RIVER AND COULEE CITY RAILROAD, INC.

Decided: August 7, 2006

On June 26, 2006, the State of Washington filed a complaint alleging that the Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad, Inc. (PCC) violated its common carrier obligation under 49 U.S.C. 11101 and discontinued operations between Cheney, WA, and Coulee City, WA, without Board authorization under 49 U.S.C. 10903 and 49 CFR 1152. PCC filed an answer to the complaint on July 14, 2006.

In a letter filed August 1, 2006, counsel for the State of Washington and PCC indicate that, pursuant to 49 CFR 1111.10(a), the parties conferred by telephone on July 25, 2006, and propose the following procedural schedule to govern this proceeding:

September 29, 2006	Discovery completed
October 30, 2006	State of Washington's opening evidence due
December 13, 2006	PCC's reply evidence due
January 12, 2007	State of Washington's rebuttal evidence due
February 12, 2007	Briefs due

The proposed schedule is reasonable and will be adopted.

It is ordered:

1. The parties must comply with the procedural schedule set forth in this decision.

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

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary