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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Finance Docket No. 30186 (Sub-No. 2)

TONGUE RIVER RAILROAD CO.--RAIL CONSTRUCTION
AND OPERATION--ASHLAND TO DECKER, MONTANA

Decided: July 8, 1997

Under the decision of this Board served November 8, 1996, Tongue River Railroad Company (TRRC) is required to submit progress reports every four months. The next report is due July 9, 1997. On July 7, 1997, TRRC requested a 14-day extension to July 23, 1997, to file the report. TRRC states that the requested extension will permit it to file a timely and complete report and that it will make every effort to file the report prior to July 23. TRRC also states that the proposed extension will not delay the next report which is due November 9, 1997. TRRC has not adequately supported its 14-day extension request. Nevertheless, a 7-day extension will be granted.

This decision 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 14-day extension is denied.
2. TRRC's report will be due July 16, 1997.
3. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary