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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Ex Parte No. 664

METHODOLOGY TO BE EMPLOYED IN DETERMINING THE RAILROAD INDUSTRY'S
COST OF CAPITAL

Decided: December 18, 2007

On December 4, 2007, the Board held a public hearing related to its proposal to revise its method for calculating the railroad industry's cost of capital by computing the cost of equity using a capital asset pricing model. At that hearing, statements were made regarding the possibility of the Board requesting additional information from interested parties. However, after thoroughly reviewing the record, the Board has concluded that no additional information is needed. Accordingly, the record in this proceeding will be closed on the effective date of this decision.

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

It is ordered:

1. The record in this proceeding is closed on the effective date of this decision.
2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary