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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 34975

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION—PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER

Decided: April 18, 2007

On December 22, 2006, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) filed a petition for declaratory order, asking the Board to find that its 1990 acquisition of a 14.22-mile line of railroad between milepost 0.0 (more or less) in Baltimore, MD, and milepost 15.4 (more or less) in Cockeysville, MD, known as the Cockeysville Industrial Track, was outside the Board's jurisdiction. On March 30, 2007, the Board issued a decision directing MTA to submit additional information by April 16, 2007.

On April 16, 2007, MTA filed a motion for an extension of time, until April 20, 2007, to file a response to the Board's decision. MTA states that the extension is needed because of the intervening Passover and Easter holidays and the volume of information that is necessary to make its response. Additionally, MTA states that its counsel has advised Mr. James Riffin and CNJ Rail Corporation, who are parties of record in this proceeding, of MTA's intent to file an extension request and that both parties have indicated that they do not object to it.

The extension request is reasonable. Accordingly, MTA's motion for an extension of time for filing a response to the Board's decision will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. MTA's motion for an extension of time for filing a response to the Board's decision is granted.
2. MTA's response is due on April 20, 2007.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary