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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33004

READING BLUE MOUNTAIN & NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY
--ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION--
CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

Decided: April 11, 1997

By motion filed April 10, 1997, the parties, Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company (RBMN) and Delaware and Hudson Railway Company (DHRC), jointly request that the revised procedural schedule in our decision served March 20, 1997, be extended by 30 days , as follows:

DHRC Evidence and Argument	May 14, 1997
Replies to DHRC Evidence and Argument	June 30, 1997
Replies to DHRC Motion to Compel	May 12, 1997
RBMN, Conrail Motions to Compel	May 14, 1997

The parties state that the requested extension would facilitate settlement negotiation.

We will grant the requested extension because it is unopposed and will facilitate settlement negotiation.

It is ordered:

1. The motion for extension is granted.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary