

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 32549 (Sub-No. 25)

BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND TRAINMEN–ENFORCEMENT
OF LABOR ARBITRATION AWARD–BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

Decided: April 6, 2006

On November 2, 2005, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) filed a pleading asking the Board to order BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) to fully comply with a labor arbitration award. By decision served on December 9, 2005, the Board adopted the procedural schedule proposed by the parties and on February 28, 2006, the Board issued a decision modifying the procedural schedule. Pursuant to the modified schedule, BNSF filed a motion for summary judgment on March 9, 2006. On March 24, 2006, the Board issued a decision granting BLET a two-week extension of time for filing its reply to BNSF's motion, from the March 24, 2006 due date under the modified procedural schedule, to April 7, 2006, to provide time for the parties to pursue settlement negotiations.

By motion filed on April 5, 2006, BLET requests a further extension of time for filing its reply to May 8, 2006. BLET indicates that the reason for the extension request is that the parties are still engaged in discussions and, due to conflicting schedules of the principals, need additional time to determine whether they can conclude a settlement. BLET states that BNSF does not oppose the request.

The extension request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. BLET's extension request is granted. BLET's reply to BNSF's motion for summary judgment will be due on or before May 8, 2006.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary