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SERVICE DATE - MAY 19, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1139)

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION--ABANDONMENT--BETWEEN CORRY  
AND MEADVILLE, IN ERIE AND CRAWFORD COUNTIES, PA

Decided: May 16, 1997

In a decision served February 10, 1997, the Northwest Pennsylvania Rail Authority (Authority) was directed to reconvey the 41.8-mile Meadville line between Corry and Meadville PA to Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail). The reconveyance directive was effective March 12, 1997.

In a decision served March 26, 1997, the Authority was granted a 60-day extension of the reconveyance directive to enable the parties to negotiate to resolve their disagreements.

In a letter filed May 12, 1997, Conrail indicates that the parties have reached an agreement in principle which will resolve the matter and provide for the continuation of rail service on the line. It requests an additional 2-week extension to implement the agreement.

Good cause exists to grant the extension.

This action 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 2-week extension of the reconveyance directive is granted.
2. This decision is effective on the date served.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary