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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 42027

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

v.

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

Decided: April 20, 1998

By complaint filed March 11, 1998, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSC) requests that we order Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) to establish a "reasonable rail rate" for the movement of coal in unit trains from Conrail's interchange with the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Momence, IL, to NIPSC's generating plant near Wheatfield, IN.

On April 6, 1998, Conrail filed an answer to the complaint.

By motion filed on April 17, 1998, Conrail states that the parties jointly seek a 1-week extension of time to file proposed procedural schedules under 49 CFR 1111.9(a). Conrail asserts that an extension is needed due to scheduling conflicts and may allow the parties to reach agreement on a joint schedule.

The motion for an extension will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed procedural schedule(s) is (are) due by April 27, 1998.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary