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SERVICE DATE - JULY 13, 2001

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33960

THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS RAILROAD COMPANY—LEASE AND OPERATION
EXEMPTION—LINES OF THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY AT CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, IL

Decided: July 12, 2001

On November 16, 2000, The Central Illinois Railroad Company (CIRR) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) and operate approximately 5.9 miles of main line track and approximately 12.47 miles of sidetrack, collectively referred to as the Lumber District and Illinois Northern lines or portions thereof, in the vicinity of BNSF's Western Avenue Yard in Chicago, Cook County, IL.

On June 29, 2001, Joseph C. Szabo, on behalf of United Transportation Union-Illinois Legislative Board (UTU-IL), filed a petition to reject or revoke the exemption.¹ By request filed July 9, 2001, CIRR and BNSF (respondents) seek a 20-day extension, to August 7, 2001, for filing their reply to UTU-IL's petition. Respondents state that the extension is warranted due to the length and detail of the petition and that UTU-IL's counsel does not object to the extension. The requested extension is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The due date for respondents' reply is extended to August 7, 2001.

¹ Previously, by decision served November 22, 2000, the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board denied UTU-IL's petition to stay the effective date of the exemption. By decision served November 30, 2000, the Board denied UTU-IL's petition for reconsideration of the Chairman's decision.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary