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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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[STB Ex Parte No. 527]

Expedited Procedures For Processing Rail Rate Reasonableness, Exemption And Revocation Proceedings

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Final rules; postponement of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) amended its Rules of Practice at 49 CFR 1100-1149 in a decision served October 1, 1996 and published in the Federal Register on October 8, 1996 (61 FR 52710). The rules were scheduled to become effective November 7, 1996. The Board is postponing the effective date of the rules to November 16, 1996 to allow sufficient time to consider the petitions to reopen that have been filed in this proceeding.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective November 6, 1996, the effectiveness of the final rules published on October 8, 1996 (61 FR 52710) is delayed until November 16, 1996. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Stilling, (202) 927-7312. FTDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.1 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board issued final rules in a decision in this proceeding served October 1, 1996, and published in the Federal Register on October 8, 1996 (61 FR 52710), with an effective date of November 7, 1996. Joseph C. Szabo, for and on behalf of United Transportation Union Illinois Legislative Board, filed a petition to reopen and a petition to stay a portion of the decision pending disposition of its petition to reopen. The National Industrial Traffic League (NITL) filed a petition for reopening and reconsideration.

Under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 721(a), I'm issuing a "housekeeping" postponement of the effective date of the final rules to November 16, 1996, so that the Board will have sufficient time to consider the issues raised in the petitions of Mr. Szabo and the NITL. The Board intends to act on those petitions by November 16, 1996.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the-conservation of energy resources.

Decided: November 1, 1996.
By the Board, Chairman Morgan.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the effective date of the final rules published at 61 FR 52710 (October 8, 1996) is delayed until November 16, 1996.