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SERVICE DATE - AUGUST 12, 1997

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Washington, D.C. 20423

STB PASSENGER TRAIN OPERATION NO. 123

TO: INDIANA HARBOR BELT RAILROAD COMPANY

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation has established through passenger train service between Washington, DC and Chicago, Illinois. The operation of these trains require the use of tracks and other facilities of the Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail). A portion of Conrail's line is out of service due to a derailment. An alternate route is available via the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company between Hick, Indiana and Dolton, Illinois.

It is the opinion of the Board that such operations are necessary in the interest of the public; that notice and public procedure are impracticable and contrary to the public interest; and that good cause exists for making this order effective upon less than thirty days' notice.

It is ordered.

(a) Pursuant to authority vested in me by order of the Board, decided February 21, 1996, and the authority vested in the Board by Section 402(c) of the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 (RPSA)(49 U.S.C. 24308(b)), the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company is directed to operate trains of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation over its line between connections with Conrail at Hick, Indiana and Dolton, Illinois.

(b) In executing the provisions of this order, the common carriers involved shall proceed even if no agreements or arrangements now exist between them with reference to the compensation terms and conditions applicable to said operations. The compensation terms and conditions shall be, during the time this order remains in force, those which are voluntarily agreed upon by and between said carriers; or upon failure of the carriers to agree, the compensation terms and conditions shall be as hereafter fixed by the Board upon petition of either carrier in accordance with pertinent authority conferred upon it by the RPSA, as amended.

(c) Application. The provisions of this order shall apply to intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce.

(d) Effective date. This order shall become effective at 10:00 p.m., (EDT) August 5, 1997.

(e) Expiration date. The provisions of this order shall expire at 10:00 a.m., (EDT), August 6, 1997, unless otherwise modified, amended, or vacated by order of the Board.

This order shall be served upon the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, and shall be published in the Board's Register.

Issued at Washington, D.C., August 5, 1997.

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