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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 34364

VERMONT RAILWAY, INC.—PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER

Decided: August 4, 2003

On June 17, 2003, Vermont Railway, Inc. (VTR), a Class III railroad, filed a petition for declaratory order. By decisions served July 3, 2003, and July 23, 2003, the State of Vermont (Vermont) and the Town of Wallingford (Wallingford), respectively, were each granted a 30-day extension of time in which to respond to issues raised by VTR in its petition. Replies are currently due on August 6, 2003.

On July 31, 2003, Vermont and Wallingford filed a joint request for a 5-day extension of time to file replies. Petitioners state that VTR's counsel has been contacted and that VTR has no objection to the extension request.

The request to extend the due date for replies to VTR's petition for declaratory order is reasonable and will be granted.

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

It is ordered:

1. The due date for Vermont and Wallingford to file replies is extended to August 11, 2003.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary