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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 32760 (Sub-No. 25)

UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION, UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,  
AND MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY--CONTROL AND MERGER--  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAIL CORPORATION, SOUTHERN PACIFIC  
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY  
COMPANY, SPCSL CORP., AND THE DENVER AND RIO GRANDE  
WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: March 25, 1998

By decision served on February 11, 1998, the Board ordered Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), the respondent in this proceeding, and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes (BMWE) to submit supplemental statements addressing certain concerns arising from BMWE's appeal of the October 15, 1997 Arbitration Award. A procedural schedule was established for the simultaneous filing of supplemental statements and of replies. The parties' supplemental statements were due on March 3, 1998, and their replies were due on March 13, 1998. By decision served on March 2, 1998, we granted BMWE's motion for an extension of time in which to file supplemental statements and replies. The parties' supplemental statements were due on March 23, 1998, and their replies were due on April 2, 1998.

On March 23, 1998, BMWE and UP jointly filed a motion for another extension of time to file opening supplemental statements. The parties state that they have engaged in negotiations that may lead to a settlement of BMWE's appeal but have not yet reached an agreement. They request an additional 7 days in which to file their opening supplemental statements. We will grant the motion, and the procedural schedule established in the March 2 decision will be modified as set forth below.

It is ordered:

1. The parties' supplemental statements are due March 30, 1998.
2. The parties' responses are due April 9, 1998.
3. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary