

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 42052

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY  
—PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER—  
UNILATERALLY IMPOSED INTERCHANGE CHARGES

Decided: July 7, 2000

A notice instituting this declaratory order proceeding and requesting comments was served and published in the Federal Register on June 13, 2000. The date for filing comments was set as July 12, 2000, and the date for filing replies was set as August 1, 2000.

Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. (IAIS), has requested a 30-day extension of time for filing comments and replies. IAIS (already a party, designated in the notice as a respondent to the petition for declaratory order) states that its representative is engaged in other responsibilities during the time preceding the July 12 due date, which would restrict his ability to prepare its submission properly. The extension request is reasonable and will be granted.

Wabash Central Railroad Company, C&NC Railroad Corporation, and Maumee & Western Railroad Company, interested parties who intend to participate in this matter in accordance with the procedural schedule set forth in the notice, jointly request revision of that schedule, in order to provide for submission of notices of appearances and development of a service list before pleadings are filed. The notice instituting this declaratory order proceeding contemplated and directed that the original parties of record would cooperate in providing an effective service list to other interested parties. It does not appear that this procedure will preclude effective participation in the proceeding by other interested parties, nor adversely affect their interests without due process. Accordingly, this request for revision of the procedural schedule will be denied.

This action 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 filing comments in this matter is extended to August 11, 2000; the due date for filing replies is extended to September 1, 2000.
2. The request for further revision of the procedural schedule is denied.

3. This decision will be effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary