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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Finance Docket No. 33388

CSX CORPORATION AND CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.,
NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION AND
NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
--CONTROL AND OPERATING LEASES/AGREEMENTS--
CONRAIL INC. AND CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

Decision No. 24

Decided: August 27, 1997

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES:

By decision served July 23, 1997, the Board accepted for consideration the primary application and related filings filed June 23, 1997, in the above-entitled proceeding. By that decision, the Board also directed those intending to file responsive (including inconsistent) applications to submit descriptions of those applications by August 22, 1997. In addition, the Board directed that petitions for waiver or clarification by responsive (including inconsistent) applicants be filed by August 22, 1997. Since that decision, and in anticipation of filing responsive applications and/or petitions for waiver or clarification, a number of persons have arranged with the Case Control Unit in the Office of the Secretary to "reserve" sub-numbers under STB Finance Docket 33388 for those anticipated filings.

Recently, several parties submitted descriptions of anticipated responsive applications and/or petition for waiver or clarification under the "reserved" sub-numbers, while other persons filed descriptions and/or waiver or clarification requests under the lead docket.

For administrative convenience, and to avoid confusion, all descriptions of anticipated responsive applications and/or petitions for waiver or clarification received prior to the filing of the applications will be docketed, processed, and filed under STB Finance Docket 33388. (No sub-number will be used.) However, persons who have already reserved sub-numbers may use those sub-numbers in the future on, and in conjunction with the filing of, an application or pleadings filed thereafter.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary