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SERVICE DATE - MARCH 24, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Ex Parte No. 537

ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF RAIL LINES AND
RAIL TRANSPORTATION UNDER 49 U.S.C. 10903

Decided: March 21, 1997

By decision served December 24, 1996, the Board revised its regulations concerning abandonment and discontinuance procedures at 49 CFR 1152 and made conforming changes to the environmental rules at 49 CFR 1105. As pertinent here, the Board required at section 1152.13(b), that rail carriers submit revised and updated system diagram maps (SDMs) by March 24, 1997.

By petition filed March 21, 1997, 7 rail subsidiaries of Transtar, Inc.,¹ state that they became aware of the new regulations requiring the March 24, 1997 filing. Accordingly, they seek an extension of the due date until April 7, 1997.

The request for an extension of time to file their SDMs is reasonable and an extension will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. Petitioners' request to extend the due date for filing their SDMs is granted.
2. Petitioners' revised and updated color-coded SDMs and line descriptions are due by April 7, 1997.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company, Birmingham Southern Railroad Company, Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company, Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company, The Lake Terminal Railroad Company, McKeesport Connecting Railroad Company and Union Railroad Company.