

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-556 (Sub-No. 2X)

RAILROAD VENTURES, INC.–ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION–BETWEEN
YOUNGSTOWN, OH, AND DARLINGTON, PA, IN MAHONING AND COLUMBIANA
COUNTIES, OH, AND BEAVER COUNTY, PA

Decided: June 10, 2003

On November 8, 1999, Columbiana County Port Authority (CCPA) filed with the Board an offer to purchase a rail line being abandoned by Railroad Ventures, Inc. (RVI), under 49 U.S.C. 10904 and the Board's offer of financial assistance regulations at 49 CFR 1152.27. After the parties were unable to reach an agreement on the terms of the purchase, the Board issued decisions in which the terms of the sale, including the purchase price, were established.¹ On May 28, 2003, RVI filed a petition to reopen the proceeding, with a request for expedited action.

Under the Board's regulations at 49 CFR 1104.13(a), CCPA's reply would be due on June 17, 2003. On June 4, 2003, CCPA filed a request for an extension of time, seeking an additional ten days in which to file its reply. In support of its extension request, CCPA states that RVI's petition is voluminous and presents complex issues. According to CCPA, RVI's counsel agrees to the proposed extension. Under the circumstances, the request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. CCPA's request for an extension of time to file a reply to RVI's petition to reopen is granted. CCPA's reply is due no later than June 27, 2003.

¹ See the Board's decisions in this proceeding served on January 7, 2000, and October 4, 2000.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary