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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: August 12, 2003

On January 21, 2003, the Columbiana County Port Authority (CCPA) and Central Columbiana and Pennsylvania Railroad Company (CCPR) (collectively referred to as CCPA/CCPR) filed a joint motion seeking final closure of the escrow account that was created by the Board in its decision served on October 4, 2000. On April 4, 2003, Railroad Ventures, Inc. (RVI), filed a reply. On April 21, 2003, CCPA/CCPR filed a petition for leave to file a rebuttal statement to RVI's reply along with the rebuttal statement and, in the alternative, a motion to strike a portion of the reply. In a decision served on July 30, 2003, CCPA/CCPR was granted leave to file a rebuttal statement and its rebuttal statement was accepted for filing. CCPA/CCPR's motion to strike was denied. Further, RVI was granted permission to file a response to CCPA/CCPR's rebuttal statement. RVI was given until August 13, 2003, to file its response.

By petition filed on August 8, 2003, RVI seeks an extension of time until August 21, 2003, to file its response. In support of its extension request, RVI's counsel states that Mr. David Handel of RVI was on vacation and thus unable to assist in preparation of RVI's response. According to RVI's counsel, CCPA/CCPR does not oppose the request for an extension. Under the circumstances, the request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The due date for RVI's response to CCPA/CCPR's rebuttal statement is extended to August 21, 2003.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary