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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Finance Docket No. 33362

PADUCAH & LOUISVILLE RAILWAY, INC.--CONTROL EXEMPTION--  
PADUCAH & ILLINOIS RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: December 28, 1998

On December 23, 1998, Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) filed a motion for an extension of time, until January 21, 1999, to reply to a petition for an order to show cause or otherwise establish terms and conditions filed on December 17, 1998, by the Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. (P&L). According to IC, key personnel and counsel, including many with knowledge of facts essential to IC's reply, are unavailable to prepare an appropriate reply by the current due date of January 6, 1999. IC asserts that the 15-day extension request will not prejudice P&L, which does not object to the delay.

The extension request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. IC's request to extend the due date for replies from January 6, to January 21, 1999, is granted.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary