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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33679

SIERRAPINE-LEASE AND OPERATION  
EXEMPTION-SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES

Decided: December 14, 2001

On August 10, 1999, SierraPine filed a petition to revoke the authority that it previously obtained in this proceeding (by filing a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31) to lease and operate approximately 12 miles of rail line owned by Sierra Pacific Industries between Ione and Martell, CA. In a decision served on November 27, 2001, the Board denied the petition to revoke the exemption.

In a letter filed on December 13, 2001, SierraPine states that it has determined to file an administrative appeal of the November 27 decision. Appeals are now due by December 17, 2001. Due to an apparent delay in its receipt of a paper copy of the November 27 decision, however, SierraPine requests a 4-day extension to December 21, 2001, of the due date for filing an appeal in this case. The extension request is reasonable and will be granted.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The deadline for filing an administrative appeal of the decision served on November 27, 2001, is extended until December 21, 2001.

2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary