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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Finance Docket No. 33388

CSX CORPORATION AND CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION AND
NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
--CONTROL AND OPERATING LEASES/AGREEMENTS--
CONRAIL INC. AND CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

Decision No. 81

Decided: May 13, 1998

Oral Argument in this proceeding has been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, June 3, and 4, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. and the voting conference on June 8, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., in the Surface Transportation Board Hearing Room (Suite 760) at 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Board will provide an overflow room (the Brick Room) on the first floor of the building with a closed-circuit telecast of the entire proceedings.

Given the large number of persons likely to attend the oral argument and voting conference, the Board requests that all persons attending the hearings use the building's entrance located on 20th Street between K and L Streets. The participants should use the door marked "Speakers", while the public should use the door marked "Public". For security reasons, upon entering the 20th Street entrance, all persons should be prepared to produce photo identification (such as a driver's license), pass through a metal detector, and submit to an inspection of all briefcases, handbags and any other bags. The hearings are expected to last all day each day, and the hearing room and the overflow room will be secured during the lunch recesses.

To effectively conduct these hearing, the Board must limit access to the hearing room and the overflow room. Only participants and a limited number of members of the public will be permitted into the hearing room, and Board staff will issue them badges. Each applicant (Conrail, Inc., CSX Corporation and Norfolk Southern Corporation) will be allotted five admission badges for each day of the oral argument and voting conference. Each speaker at the oral argument will be allotted an admission badge for themselves and one associate. The balance of the seating in the hearing for the oral argument will be on a first come, first served basis. At the voting conference, all seats will be disbursed on a first come, first served basis, with the exception of the five seats allotted to each applicant. Upon clearing security at the 20th Street entrance, the holders of admission badges for the hearing room will be escorted to the seventh floor hearing room. Only holders of hearing

room or media badges will be admitted to the seventh floor hearing room. The holders of the media badges will be selected and notified by the Board.

The public will be admitted to the overflow room for the oral argument and voting conference and 105 seats will be available for each day of the proceedings. A separate admission badge will be required for each day of the proceedings. The visitor badges for the overflow room will be issued by Board staff at the 20th Street entrance on a first come, first served basis. Only holders of the visitors badges will be admitted to the first floor overflow room. "Line sitters" are permitted, but will not be issued badges.

Board staff will begin admitting people to the hearing room and overflow room at 8:00 a.m. for the oral argument and at 12:00 p.m. for the voting conference. All participants are requested to arrive early enough to be admitted to the hearing room by 9:45 a.m. for the oral argument and 12:45 p.m. for the voting conference. Badge holders leaving the premises, and not intending to return, should relinquish their badge to Board staff. The Board's Hearing Room does comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and persons needing such accommodation should contact the Office of the Secretary by noon, June 1, 1998.

Any prepared statements submitted by the speakers at the oral argument will be available at the Board's contractor, D.C. News and Data, Inc., located in Room 210 in the Board's building, as soon after the conclusion of the hearing as possible. D.C. News can be reached at 202/289-4357. The statements will also be available for viewing and self copying in the Board's Microfilm Unit, Room 755, as soon as the statements are processed by Board staff. The oral argument and voting conference will be video-taped, and the Board will make arrangements to have the tapes duplicated, at cost, if there is a public demand for copies of the tapes.

Comments or questions concerning this decision should be directed to Bettye Uzzle, the Information Officer for the Office of the Secretary at 202/565-1650.

It is ordered:

1. Admittance to the Surface Transportation Board proceedings on June 3, 4 and 8, 1998, will be upon the conditions set forth above.
2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary