

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-600

YAKIMA INTERURBAN LINES ASSOCIATION—
ADVERSE ABANDONMENT—IN YAKIMA COUNTY, WA

Decided: April 1, 2004

By motion filed on March 29, 2004, Kershaw Sunnyside Ranches, Inc. (Kershaw) requests an extension of time to file its reply to protests to its application for an adverse abandonment of approximately one mile of the 11.29-mile Naches Line located between milepost 2.97 at Fruitvale, WA, and milepost 14.26 at Naches, WA.¹ The line is owned by Yakima Interurban Lines Association (YILA). On March 12, 2004, protests were filed separately by the Washington State Department of Transportation, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, and Level 3 Communications, LLC, and jointly by Yakima County, WA, the City of Yakima, WA, the Town of Naches, and YILA.² Kershaw states that the extension of the current reply deadline of April 1, 2004, is necessary because its principal attorney for the proceeding will be unable to file a reply by that date due to a family emergency. Kershaw states that a replacement attorney, if necessary, would need an extension of the deadline to April 30, 2004, in order to review all the pleadings and prepare an appropriate reply.

Good cause for the extension of the reply deadline has been shown, and the request 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. Kershaw's motion for an extension of the deadline for filing a reply to protests is granted.

¹ Notice of the filing was served and published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2004 (69 FR 7283).

² All opposing parties have indicated that they do not oppose the extension request.

2. The deadline is extended until April 30, 2004.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary