

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 35343

SUSQUEHANNA UNION RAILROAD COMPANY—CONTROL EXEMPTION—NORTH SHORE RAILROAD COMPANY, NITTANY & BALD EAGLE RAILROAD COMPANY, SHAMOKIN VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, JUNIATA VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, LYCOMING VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, AND UNION COUNTY INDUSTRIAL RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: April 30, 2010

On April 12, 2010, Susquehanna Union Railroad Company (SURC), a nonoperating holding company, filed a petition for exemption (petition) from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 11323(a)(4) to acquire 100% stock control of 6 Class III railroads: North Shore Railroad Company, Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company, Shamokin Valley Railroad Company, Juniata Valley Railroad Company, Lycoming Valley Railroad Company, and Union County Industrial Railroad Company (System Carriers).

Under 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13(a), replies to SURC's petition are due by May 3, 2010. On April 27, 2010, SURC notified the Board that SURC and SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (JRA) are "actively engaged in negotiations which may lead to constructive resolution of issues," and accordingly, SURC requests that the Board extend the due date for JRA's reply to June 3, 2010. Because there is good cause to extend the deadline for JRA's reply, the Board will grant SURC's request, and replies to SURC's petition will be due by June 3, 2010.

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

It is ordered:

1. Replies to the petition are due by June 3, 2010.
2. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.