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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 212X)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY—DISCONTINUANCE
EXEMPTION—IN HUDSON COUNTY, NJ

Decided: December 22, 2000

On December 21, 2000, Cognis Chemical Company (Cognis) filed a petition to extend the deadline to respond to Norfolk Southern Railway Company's (NS) petition for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue service over approximately 3.84-miles of the Weehawken Branch¹ and approximately 6.95-miles of the River Line² in Hudson County, NJ. Cognis requests a 2-day extension to December 28, 2000, the date responses are due in the related petition for exemption to discontinue service over the same lines that CSX Transportation, Inc., filed in CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance Exemption—in Hudson County, NJ, STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 584X). Cognis states that it is one of the two shippers that will be directly affected by the petitions, that it intends to reply to both of them, and that NS has been contacted and does not object.

The extension request is reasonable and will be granted.

¹ The 3.84-mile segment extends from the point of switch in Jersey City (approximately MP 0.00), to the southerly R.O.W. line of Baldwin Avenue, in Weehawken (approximately MP 2.84), and includes the former DL&W Railroad Lead to the Hoboken Freight Yard in Jersey City.

² The 6.95-mile segment is divided into two parts: (1) from the connection to the Passaic and Harismus Branch at CP "Waldo" in Jersey City (approximately MP 0.00) to the south side of Clifton Road in Weehawken (approximately MP 4.7), including the River Yard; and (2) from (a) the south side of Clifton Road in Weehawken (approximately MP 0.00) to the northwest side of Tonnelle Avenue (excluding the portion of line, associated track, and underlying right-of-way necessary to retain access and continue service to Durkee Foods) in North Bergen (approximately MP 1.53); (b) the National Docks Secondary in Jersey City from its connection with the River Line at CP "Nave" to the east side of Newark Avenue (approximately 1,350 feet); and (c) the Weehawken Branch (Chicken Yard) in Weehawken, from its connection with the River Line on the east side of Willow Avenue to the end of the track (approximately 2,450 feet).

It is ordered:

1. The due date for Cognis to file a response is extended to December 28, 2000.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary