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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 34281

LB RAILCO, INC.
– LEASE AND OPERATION EXEMPTION –
PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER RAILWAY COMPANY

Decided: January 16, 2003

By motion filed on January 14, 2003, LB Railco, Inc. (Railco) requests an extension of time, until January 31, 2003, to reply to various recently filed motions, and to file a single, consolidated reply to all pending pleadings.¹ Railco seeks this extension to ensure that it can adequately and effectively address the numerous issues that have been raised, and notes that an extension would not prejudice any objecting parties because a stay is currently in effect, thereby ensuring that the status quo is maintained.

Other procedural issues raised in the pleadings submitted in this proceeding will be addressed separately.

The requests for extension and consolidation appear reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. Railco's motion for an extension is granted, and the deadline for filing its consolidated reply to all pending motions is extended until January 31, 2003.

¹ By decision served on January 3, 2003, Railco was granted an extension of time, until January 17, 2003, to reply to motions filed by the National Solid Waste Management Association and the Town of Millbury. Railco would like to file one reply to those motions as well as to all other pending motions and submissions.

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

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary