

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. NOR 42134

NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION–SECTION 213 INVESTIGATION
OF SUBSTANDARD PERFORMANCE ON RAIL LINES OF CANADIAN NATIONAL
RAILWAY COMPANY

Decided: January 31, 2012

On January 19, 2012, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) filed a “Petition for Relief by Amtrak Requiring the Initiation of an Investigation of Substandard Performance Under Section 213 of the Passenger Rail Investment And Improvement Act of 2008.” Amtrak requests that the Board initiate an investigation pursuant to § 213 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA), 49 U.S.C. § 24308(f), regarding the alleged “substandard performance of Amtrak passenger trains on rail lines owned by Canadian National Railway Company and its subsidiaries, Grand Trunk Western Railway Company and Illinois Central Railroad Company” (collectively, CN).

On January 26, 2012, CN filed a request to extend the due date for its answer to March 9, 2012 (30 days beyond the deadline calculated under 49 C.F.R. § 1111.4(c)). CN argues that Amtrak’s filing raises a substantial number of issues and matters of first impression and that the requested extension would provide reasonable time to consider and appropriately address them. CN further states that Amtrak consents to the requested extension.

The request for extension of time will be granted. CN’s answer will be due by March 9, 2012.

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

It is ordered:

1. The request for extension of time is granted.
2. CN’s answer is due by March 9, 2012.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.