

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Finance Docket No. 33388

CSX CORPORATION AND CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.,
NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION AND
NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
— CONTROL AND OPERATING LEASES/AGREEMENTS —
CONRAIL INC. AND CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

Decision No. 188

Decided: June 8, 2001

In Decision No. 186 (served May 21, 2001), the Board directed Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (referred to collectively as NS) to show, by pleading filed by June 11, 2001, why NS should not be ordered to cancel its proposed shut-down of its Hollidaysburg Car Shops.

By pleading (designated NS-82) filed June 6, 2001, NS requests that the deadline for its submission be extended 14 days (to June 25, 2001). In a response filed June 7, 2001, the petitioners in this proceeding (the Unions¹ and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) oppose NS' extension request. Among the bases for their opposition are concern about there being sufficient time in advance of NS' proposed September 1, 2001 closure of the Hollidaysburg Car Shops to resolve this matter, and the fact that the Unions' counsel will be on scheduled vacation between June 20 and July 1 will cause a loss of several days for preparation of a reply if NS' extension request is granted. To address these concerns, NS, by pleading filed on June 8, 2001 (designated NS-83), stated that, if its extension request is granted, it would not object to an extension to July 16, 2001, for petitioners' reply, and it would not close the Hollidaysburg Car Shops before October 1, 2001.

Under the circumstances, the NS extension request is reasonable and will be granted. To allow sufficient time for preparation of a response to the NS pleading that will now be due on June 25, 2001, the deadline for submissions by other parties will be extended to July 16, 2001.

¹ The Transport Workers Union of America, the National Council of Firemen and Oilers/SEIU, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Blacksmiths, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, and the Transportation•Communications International Union are collectively referred to as the "Unions."

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

It is ordered:

1. The due date for the NS pleading referred to in Decision No. 186, ordering paragraph number 1, is extended to June 25, 2001. The due date for any replies to the NS pleading is extended to July 16, 2001.

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

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary