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SERVICE DATE - FEBRUARY 5, 2003

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-556 (Sub-No. 2X)

RAILROAD VENTURES, INC.–ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION–BETWEEN  
YOUNGSTOWN, OH, AND DARLINGTON, PA, IN MAHONING AND COLUMBIANA  
COUNTIES, OH, AND BEAVER COUNTY, PA

Decided: February 3, 2003

On January 21, 2003, the Columbiana County Port Authority (CCPA) and Central Columbiana and Pennsylvania Railroad Company (CCPR) (collectively referred to as CCPA/CCPR) filed a joint motion seeking final closure of the escrow account that was created by the Board in its decision served on October 4, 2000. Under 49 CFR 1104.13(a), replies would be due by February 10, 2003. On January 24, 2003, Railroad Ventures, Inc. (RVI), filed a request for an extension until March 14, 2003, to file a reply.

In support of its extension request, RVI states that CCPA/CCPR's documentation regarding the expenditures from the escrow account is voluminous and additional time is needed to evaluate this material. RVI also states that its reply would be due during a time when its counsel will be in hearings on another matter. According to RVI, counsel for CCPA/CCPR does not oppose the request for an extension. Under the circumstances, the request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The due date for replies to CCPA/CCPR's joint motion for final closure of the escrow account is extended to March 14, 2003.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary