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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 3, 2003

By motion filed on January 2, 2003, LB Railco, Inc. (Railco) requests 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. To support its request, Railco cites its holiday season schedule and maintains that other parties would not be prejudiced by an extension because the exemption at issue has been stayed.

The requested extension appears reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. Railco's motion for an extension is granted, and the deadline for filing a reply to the aforementioned motions is extended until January 17, 2003.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary