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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 35377

NORTH SHORE RAILROAD COMPANY—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION
EXEMPTION—PPL SUSQUEHANNA, LLC

Decided: July 28, 2010

On May 17, 2010, North Shore Railroad Company (North Shore), a Class III rail carrier, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41 to acquire a rail operating easement over approximately 6 miles of rail line in Luzerne County, Pa., owned by PPL Susquehanna, LLC (PPLS), a noncarrier. The easement extends from North Shore's existing rail line at milepost 171.0 at Berwick to milepost 177.0 at the PPLS power plant at Beach Haven.

By decision served June 3, 2010, the proceeding was held in abeyance because the Board found that North Shore had not provided sufficient information to evaluate the notice properly. The Board directed North Shore to submit additional information by June 23, 2010.

By letter filed June 21, 2010, North Shore requested that the due date for filing its additional information be extended for 30 days. North Shore stated that it had compiled the requested information but had not had an opportunity to have the information reviewed and confirmed by representatives of PPLS. By decision served June 23, 2010, the extension request was granted and North Shore was directed to file its additional information by July 23, 2010.

By letter filed July 23, 2010, North Shore requests another 30-day extension for filing its information. North Shore states that researching the required information and coordinating with PPLS is taking longer than initially anticipated. The extension request is reasonable and will be granted.

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

It is ordered:

1. North Shore's request for another 30-day extension is granted.

2. North Shore is directed to file the additional information by August 23, 2010.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.