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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Ex Parte No. 552 (Sub-No. 10)

RAILROAD REVENUE ADEQUACY - 2005 DETERMINATION

Decided: October 17, 2006

One Class I railroad (Norfolk Southern Railway Company) is found to be revenue adequate for the year 2005. All other Class I railroads are found to be revenue inadequate for that year.

BY THE BOARD:

This annual determination of railroad revenue adequacy is made in accordance with the standards and procedures developed in Standards for Railroad Revenue Adequacy, 364 I.C.C. 803 (1981), Standards for Railroad Revenue Adequacy, 3 I.C.C.2d 261 (1986), and Supplemental Reporting of Info. for Revenue Adequacy, 5 I.C.C.2d 65 (1988). Pursuant to those procedures, which are essentially mechanical, a railroad is considered revenue adequate under 49 U.S.C. 10704(a) for a given year if it achieves a rate of return on net investment (ROI) equal to at least the current cost of capital for the railroad industry for that year. We perform the annual revenue adequacy exercise because we have been directed to do so by Congress.

In Railroad Cost of Capital — 2005, STB Ex Parte No. 558 (Sub-No. 9) (STB served Sept. 20, 2006) we determined that the 2005 railroad industry cost of capital was 12.2%. By comparing this figure to the 2005 ROI data obtained from the carriers' Annual Report R-1 Schedule 250 filings, we have made revenue adequacy calculations for each of the Class I freight railroads that were in operation as of December 31, 2005.

A summary of the ROIs for all Class I railroads is set forth in the Appendix to this decision. We find one carrier (Norfolk Southern Railway Company) to be revenue adequate for 2005. Our findings with respect to the Class I carriers will be final on the effective date of this decision.

Environmental and Energy Considerations

We conclude that this action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 603(b), we conclude that our action in this proceeding will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The purpose and effect of the action are merely to update the annual railroad industry revenue adequacy finding. No new reporting or other regulatory requirements are imposed, directly or indirectly, on small entities.

It is ordered:

1. This decision is effective October 23, 2006.
2. Notice will be published in the Federal Register on October 23, 2006.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

APPENDIX

Railroad	ROI
BNSF Railway Company	10.32%
CSX Transportation, Inc.	6.23%
Grand Trunk Corporation Consolidated (Including all Canadian National U.S. affiliates)	8.07%
Kansas City Southern Railway Company	5.89%
Norfolk Southern Railway Company	13.21%
Soo Line Railroad Company (Including all Canadian Pacific U.S. affiliates)	8.89%
Union Pacific Railroad Company	6.34%