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SERVICE DATE - JANUARY 22, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 21510 (Sub-No. 7)

NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY AND NEW YORK
CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY--MERGER, ETC.
(ARBITRATION REVIEW)

Decided: January 17, 1997

By motion filed January 6, 1997, United Transportation Union (UTU) requests a 20-day extension of the due date until January 27, 1997, to file an appeal to a final arbitration decision issued on December 17, 1996.

Under our rules, an appeal must be filed within 20 days of a arbitration decision unless a later date is authorized by the Board pursuant to 49 CFR 1115.8. The current due date for filing an appeal is January 6, 1997. UTU states that given the intervening holiday period more time is needed to evaluate the viability of an appeal. Counsel for the carrier has authorized UTU to represent that the carrier has no objection to this extension request.

The request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. UTU's extension request is granted.
2. UTU's appeal is due January 27, 1997.
3. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary