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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

No. 41989

POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

v.

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.

Decided: June 18, 1997

By motion dated June 16, 1997, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), requests a 15-day extension, until July 18, 1997, of the July 3, 1997 due date for the parties' submission of reply evidence. CSXT seeks a commensurate extension, until August 18, 1997, of the August 1, 1997 due date for the parties' submission of rebuttal evidence. CSXT states that extra time is needed because the stand-alone cost case presented by complainant Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) is extremely complex, and because CSXT has recently devoted substantial resources to the proceeding in Finance Docket No. 33388, *CSX Corp. & CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corp. & Norfolk Southern Railway Co. -- Control & Operating Leases/Agreements -- Conrail Inc. & Consolidated Rail Corp.*

CSXT has not supported its request for a 15-day extension, which PEPCO opposes. The stand-alone cost case may be complex, but we too will have to address it and resolve the issues under a tight time deadline. And the press of other business affects all parties, including the Board, which, as noted, has its own internal deadlines for resolving this and other proceedings.

Although a full 15-day extension will not be granted, we will grant a lesser extension of 8 days, until Friday, July 11, 1997. Thus, the deadline for filing reply evidence will now be set at July 11, 1997, and the deadline for filing rebuttal evidence will now be set at August 11, 1997 (because August 9, 1997 falls on a Saturday).

It is ordered:

1. The deadline for filing reply evidence is extended from July 3, 1997, until July 11, 1997. The deadline for filing rebuttal evidence is extended from August 1, 1997, until August 11, 1997.

2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Linda J. Morgan, Chairman.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary