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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33960

THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS RAILROAD COMPANY—LEASE AND OPERATION  
EXEMPTION—LINES OF THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE  
RAILWAY COMPANY AT CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, IL

Decided: August 8, 2001

On November 16, 2000, The Central Illinois Railroad Company (CIRR) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) and operate approximately 5.9 miles of main line track and approximately 12.47 miles of sidetrack, collectively referred to as the Lumber District and Illinois Northern lines or portions thereof, in the vicinity of BNSF's Western Avenue Yard in Chicago, Cook County, IL.

On June 29, 2001, Joseph C. Szabo, on behalf of United Transportation Union-Illinois Legislative Board (UTU-IL or petitioner), filed a petition to reject or revoke the exemption. On August 6, 2001, CIRR and BNSF (respondents) filed a joint reply in opposition to UTU-IL's petition.<sup>1</sup> By request filed August 6, 2001, petitioner seeks a 15-day extension, to August 21, 2001, to supplement its petition,<sup>2</sup> with respondents' reply due by September 5, 2001. Petitioner states that respondents do not object to its extension request. The request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The due date for petitioner to supplement its petition to revoke is extended to August 21, 2001. Respondents' reply to the supplement is due September 5, 2001.

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<sup>1</sup> By decision served July 13, 2001, the respondents' request for a 20-day extension of time to file their reply was granted.

<sup>2</sup> Following the completion of discovery, the Board's rules provide an opportunity for the filing of a supplemental petition to revoke and a reply thereto. See 49 CFR 1121.2.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary