The Surface Transportation Board today announced a decision accepting for consideration the revised merger application filed by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) to acquire control of Pan Am Systems, Inc., and its short line railroad subsidiaries. The Board’s decision preliminarily determines that environmental and historic review is not necessary and requests additional environmental information from CSXT. The decision also establishes a procedural schedule for the proceeding, including deadlines for additional filings by the applicants, a period for public comment on the transportation merits as well as a period for environmental comments, and a deadline for a final Board decision.

Previously, the Board issued a decision on May 26, 2021, finding that the applicants’ merger application was incomplete and permitting them to file a revised application. In today’s decision, the Board determines that the applicants’ revised application meets the informational requirements for a “significant” transaction application, including with respect to the market analysis and the operating plan.


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