

December 17, 2019

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown

Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W., Room #100
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: *Soo Company Corporation—Control—Railroad Acquisition Holdings LLC*
Finance Docket No. 36368

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the above-captioned proceeding is the Motion for Establishment of Procedural Schedule (designated as CP-3) of Applicants Soo Line Corporation and Central Maine & Quebec Railway US Inc.

Sincerely,

Stinson LLP*/s/ David F. Rifkind*

David Rifkind

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Attachment

cc: The Honorable William P. Barr
The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
The Honorable Joseph J. Simons
The Honorable Janet T. Mills
The Honorable Phil Scott
The Honorable Bruce A. Van Note
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Applicants Soo Line Corporation ("Soo Line Corp") and Central Maine & Quebec Railway US Inc. ("CMQR US") have filed this day an application ("Application") seeking Board authorization under 49 U.S.C. §§ 11323-11325 and 49 C.F.R. Part 1180 for Soo Line Corp's acquisition of control of CMQR US as more specifically set forth in the Application (the "Transaction").

In the Application, Applicants request that the Board classify this Transaction as "minor" under the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(c). If the Board does so, it will be required by statute to issue its decision within 180 days from the filing of the Application. 49 U.S.C. § 11325(d). Applicants respectfully request that the Board establish the following procedural schedule to govern the proceeding on their Application.

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

December 17, 2019	Application filed.
January 17, 2020	Board notice of acceptance of the application and order establishing procedural schedule published in the Federal Register.
February 4, 2020	Notices of intent to participate in this proceeding due.
February 18, 2020	Comments due from all parties, including the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") and the U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT").
March 19, 2020	Replies to comments and rebuttal in support of application due.
May 12, 2020	Service of final decision by Board.
June 11, 2020	Board decision becomes effective

The proposed schedule would provide for service of a final decision by the statutory deadline prescribed by 49 U.S.C. § 11325(d)(2). The proposed schedule provides the Board with ample time (54 days after the filing of replies to comments and rebuttal in support of application), to prepare its final decision.¹ Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Board adopt the schedule proposed in this Motion.

¹ The proposed schedule is consistent with the Procedural Schedule the Board adopted in Docket No. FD 36347, *Bessemer and Lake Erie R.R. Co.—Acquisition and Operation—Certain Rail Lines of CSX Transp., Inc. in Onondaga, Oswego, Jefferson, Saint Lawrence, and Franklin Counties, N.Y.*

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this th17 day of December, 2019, caused the foregoing Motion for Establishment of Procedural Schedule (CP-3) in Docket No. FD 36368, *Soo Line Corporation—Control—Central Maine & Quebec Railway US Inc.*, to be served upon the following parties by First Class Mail:

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AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 17th day of December, 2019, caused the public version of the foregoing Application (CP-2) in Docket No. FD 36368, *Soo Line Corporation—Control—Central Maine & Quebec Railway US Inc.*, including all exhibits, appendices, and other attachments thereto, to be served upon the following parties by First Class Mail:

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