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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36332

PETITION BY THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION (AMTRAK)
FOR PROCEEDING UNDER 49 U.S.C. § 24903(c)(2)

Decided: April 27, 2020

On July 22, 2019, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. § 24903(c)(2), requesting that the Board institute a proceeding, establish a procedural schedule, and enter an order determining the compensation and terms for the use of Chicago Union Station by the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation and the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (collectively, Metra).

By decision served September 27, 2019, the Board instituted a proceeding and established a procedural schedule, which, at the request of the parties, was subsequently revised several times. Under the current schedule, Amtrak and Metra must file their opening statements by April 30, 2020. On April 22, 2020, Amtrak, on behalf of itself and Metra, requested that the parties be allowed to serve opening statements on each other on April 30, 2020, but file public and non-public versions of the opening statements with the Board on May 7, 2020. The parties state that the purpose of the request is to allow them sufficient time to prepare the public versions of their filings.

The Board will require Amtrak and Metra to file the non-public versions of their opening statements on April 30, 2020, as is required under the current procedural schedule. Amtrak and Metra must file public versions of their opening statements no later than May 7, 2020.

It is ordered:

1. Amtrak and Metra must file the non-public versions of their opening statements by April 30, 2020, and public versions of their opening statements no later than May 7, 2020.

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

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.