

SERVICE DATE – JUNE 17, 2020

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36284

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION—RAIL CONSTRUCTION &
OPERATION EXEMPTION—IN UTAH, CARBON, DUCHESNE, AND UINTAH
COUNTIES, UTAH

Decided: June 17, 2020

On May 29, 2020, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10901 for the Coalition to construct and operate an approximately 85-mile rail line connecting two termini in the Uinta Basin near South Myton Bench, Utah, and Leland Bench, Utah, to the national rail network at Kyune, Utah. Under the Board’s regulations, replies to the petition are due on June 18, 2020. See 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13(a).

On June 17, 2020, the Argyle Wilderness Preservation Alliance (Alliance) filed a motion requesting an extension of the June 18 deadline. The Alliance argues that additional time is needed to prepare a response to the “lengthy and controversial” petition and that a 45-day extension “would be appropriate in a proceeding of this importance.”

Under these circumstances, a 20-day extension of the deadline for replies is appropriate. As such, replies to the petition for exemption are due by July 7, 2020.

It is ordered:

1. The Alliance’s motion is granted, in part.
2. Replies to the petition for exemption are due by July 7, 2020.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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