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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: December 11, 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. Following the close of discovery and briefing, the parties requested mediation as to certain issues. On July 6, 2020, the Board initiated Board-sponsored mediation, which it extended at the parties' request until December 4, 2020.

Mediation has now concluded, and although the parties reached agreement on certain issues, others remain unresolved following the mediation. On December 8, 2020, the parties jointly proposed a schedule for supplemental briefing on the unresolved issues. The Board will adopt the following procedural schedule:

December 15, 2020: Parties submit list of unresolved issues to the Board

January 22, 2021: Parties file public and non-public versions of supplemental initial briefs

February 19, 2021: Parties file public and non-public versions of supplemental reply briefs

It is ordered:

1. A procedural schedule is adopted, as set forth above.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

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