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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: November 26, 2025

In December 2021, the Board granted final approval for an exemption sought by the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) to construct and operate a new line of railroad in Utah, subject to certain environmental mitigation conditions. See Seven Cnty. Infrastructure Coal.—Rail Constr. & Operation Exemption—in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, & Uintah Cntys., Utah, FD 36284 (STB served Dec. 15, 2021). This case is back before the Board on remand from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit following the U.S. Supreme Court’s reversal and remand of the D.C. Circuit’s August 2023 decision. Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County, 605 U.S. 168 (2025).

The Coalition filed a motion on November 13, 2025, asking the Board to complete its review on remand and to reaffirm its decision authorizing construction and operation of the proposed line.

On November 21, 2025, Eagle County, Colorado (Eagle County) and the Center for Biological Diversity (the Center) jointly filed a motion asking the Board to extend the due date for a reply to the Coalition’s motion by 40 days so that their reply would be due on January 12, 2026. (Eagle Cnty. & Ctr. Mot. 1, Nov. 21, 2025.) Counsel for Eagle County and the Center state that they have conferred with counsel for the Coalition and that the Coalition’s counsel does not oppose the extension request. (*Id.*) Among other things, Eagle County and the Center note that the case is complex and that granting an extension will provide time for them to coordinate drafting while accounting for the multiple public holidays taking place in the coming weeks. (*Id.* at 4-5.)

The extension request, which is unopposed, is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The joint motion filed by Eagle County and the Center is granted, and their reply to the Coalition’s motion is due on January 12, 2026.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.