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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36836

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION AND
NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY—ACQUISITION OF CONTROL—
NORFOLK & PORTSMOUTH BELT LINE RAILROAD COMPANY

Decision No. 13

Decided: December 18, 2025

On December 11, 2025, Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company moved for the Board to impose a 25-page limit on final briefs in this proceeding. On December 15, 2025, CSX Transportation, Inc., filed a reply stating that it believes a page limit is unnecessary and that it anticipates that its final brief will not exceed 30-35 pages.

As the Board has previously stated, final briefs are not intended to serve as an opportunity for parties to raise new evidence or arguments, but to provide a concise summary of the parties' positions. CSX Corp.—Control & Merger—Pan Am Sys., Inc., FD 36472 et al., slip op. at 4 (STB served Dec. 10, 2021). Accordingly, a page limit of 30 pages will be imposed for final briefs in this proceeding, which is consistent with the page limit that the Board imposed in Canadian Pacific Railway—Control—Kansas City Southern, FD 36500 et al., slip op. at 3 (STB served July 22, 2022).

It is ordered:

1. Final briefs in this proceeding may not exceed a limit of 30 pages, including attachments.
2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

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