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SERVICE DATE - AUGUST 22, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33414

PENN-JERSEY RAIL LINES, INC.
—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION—
WMI PROPERTIES, INC.

Decided: August 21, 1997

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) filed on August 5, 1997, a petition to revoke the exemption that was the subject of a notice served and published on June 24, 1997 (62 FR 34110), which authorized Penn-Jersey Rail Lines, Inc. (PENN), a noncarrier, to acquire from WMI Properties, Inc., and to operate as a common carrier, railroad lines starting at the turnout from the track of Conrail, at milepost 6.1, and extending for a total of 2.2 miles, all within the Penn Warner Industrial Park, Falls Township, Bucks County, PA.¹

In an August 19, 1997 letter, PENN avers that the parties have made considerable progress toward a negotiated settlement and requests a 20-day extension, until September 15, 1997, of the date when its reply to the petition to revoke shall be due. PENN's counsel indicates that he is authorized to state that Conrail's counsel has no objection to the extension request. The request is otherwise reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The due date for PENN's reply to Conrail's petition to revoke is extended to September 15, 1997.
2. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ Conrail simultaneously filed a petition to stay to which PENN filed a timely reply in opposition. The petition to stay will be addressed separately.