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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Finance Docket No. 33388

CSX CORPORATION AND CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.,
NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION AND
NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
--CONTROL AND OPERATING LEASES/AGREEMENTS--
CONRAIL INC. AND CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

Decision No. 113

Decided: January 21, 1999

In Decision No. 89, in addition to approving the primary application,¹ the Board imposed a condition requiring CSX to meet with Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) to attempt to resolve their dispute regarding dispatching of the Leewood-Aulon line in Memphis, TN, and to advise the Board by September 21, 1998, of the status of their negotiations. See Decision No. 89, slip op. at 102 and 178. At the parties' requests, the Board extended this deadline, most recently to January 19, 1999. See Decision Nos. 95, 98, and 104, served, respectively, October 1, October 26, and November 24, 1998. By letter filed on January 19, 1999, CSX reports that it has sent a proposal to IC, and IC has just recently sent to CSX its own proposal for resolving this matter, which is currently being reviewed by CSX. As a result, CSX indicates that more time is needed to reach a final resolution. CSX and IC therefore request an additional 60-day extension to March 22, 1999. The extension request will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The request for an extension for submitting a status report regarding dispatching of the Leewood-Aulon line is granted. The due date is extended to March 22, 1999.

¹ In Decision No. 89, served July 23, 1998, the Board approved, subject to conditions, the application by CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc. (collectively CSX), and Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (collectively NS) under 49 U.S.C. 11321-26 for: (1) the acquisition of control of Conrail Inc., and Consolidated Rail Corporation (collectively Conrail); and (2) the division of Conrail's assets by and between CSX and NS.

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2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary