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In re National Railroad Passenger Corp.

STB Finance Docket No. FD-36183

JOINT MOTION FOR BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Petitioner National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and Respondent Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) (collectively, the Parties) jointly file this Motion with the Surface Transportation Board seeking a briefing schedule on MTA’s Motion to Stay or Dismiss Proceedings, and state as follows in support:

1. On April 11, 2018, Amtrak filed a Petition seeking an order (a) “determin[ing] the appropriate compensation” payable to Amtrak by MTA in accordance with the Northeast Corridor Commuter and Intercity Rail Cost Allocation Policy developed and adopted by the Northeast Corridor Commission; and (b) “enforc[ing] its determination on the ... parties.” 49 U.S.C. § 24905(c)(2).

2. On May 1, 2018, MTA filed the Reply of the Maryland Transit Administration and Motion to Stay or Dismiss. In that filing, MTA asked the Board to dismiss or stay these proceedings pending arbitration. MTA contends that the current agreement between MTA and Amtrak requires the Parties to arbitrate this dispute.

3. The Parties agree that MTA’s Reply should be treated as a Motion to Stay or Dismiss. As such, the Parties further agree that Amtrak should be permitted the opportunity to respond to MTA’s pleading, and that MTA should be permitted the opportunity to reply to Amtrak’s response.

4. The Parties agree that the following schedule is appropriate for briefing on MTA's request that the Board stay this proceeding:

- a. Amtrak's Response to MTA's Motion to Stay or Dismiss shall be filed on or before May 21, 2018; and
- b. MTA's Reply to Amtrak's Response shall be filed on or before June 4, 2018.

Wherefore, the Parties respectfully request that the Board grant this Joint Motion and enter an order incorporating the agreed-upon briefing schedule.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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