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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 34392

NEW JERSEY RAIL CARRIER LLC
– ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION –
FORMER COLUMBIA TERMINALS, KEARNY, NJ

Decided: November 3, 2003

By motion filed on October 29, 2003, Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) requests a 30-day extension of its deadline for filing a reply to the additional information on the acquisition and operation exemption at issue in this proceeding filed by New Jersey Rail Carrier, LLC (NJ Rail) on October 14, 2003, as outlined in the Board's decision served on August 13, 2003, staying the effectiveness of the exemption. Conrail states that it requires more time to evaluate NJ Rail's proposal and its effect on Conrail's operations. Conrail represents that NJ Rail does not object to the requested extension. By decision served on October 23, 2003, a similar extension to the same date, December 3, 2003, was granted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The extension appears reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. Conrail's deadline for filing a reply is extended to December 3, 2003.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary