

**Public & Media Advisory: Surface Transportation Board Announces Cases & Matters To Be Addressed at January 19 Voting Conference**

Surface Transportation Board Chairman Roger Nober has announced the matters and cases to be addressed at the STB's open voting conference to begin at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2005**, in **Room 760**, the agency's hearing room, on the **7th Floor** of the agency's headquarters in the **Mercury Building, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.**

At the conference, the Board Members will elect a Vice Chairman and will discuss publicly among themselves, and vote on, the cases listed below. While the conference is open for public observation, no public participation is permitted.

**THE CONFERENCE ITEMS ARE:**

• ***Public Service Company of Colorado d/b/a [doing business as] Xcel Energy v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, STB Docket No. 42057.***

• ***Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc.--Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption--in Susquehanna County, PA, and Broome, Tioga, Chemung, Steuben, Allegany, Livingston, Wyoming, Erie, and Genesee Counties, NY, STB Docket No. AB-156 (Sub-No. 25X).***

Embraced cases:

*Canadian Pacific Railway Company--Trackage Rights Exemption--Norfolk Southern Railway Company, STB Finance Docket No. 34561, and*

*Norfolk Southern Railway Company--Trackage Rights Exemption--Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc., STB Finance Docket No. 34562.*

• ***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 [Petition to Approve Settlement Agreement and Exempt Embraced Transactions], STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 95).***

Embraced cases:

*Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co.--Trackage Rights Exemption--Norfolk Southern Railway Co. Between Bellevue and Toledo, OH, STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 95).*

*Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co.--Trackage Rights Exemption--Norfolk Southern Railway Co. in Cleveland, OH, STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 97).*

*Norfolk Southern Railway Co.--Trackage Rights Exemption--Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co. Between Clairton, PA and Bellevue, OH, STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 98).*

*Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co.--Petition for Exemption--Purchase of the Toledo Pivot Bridge--Norfolk Southern Railway Co., STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 99).*

*Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co.--Lease and Operation Exemption--Norfolk and Western Railway Co.'s Dock at Huron, OH, STB Finance Docket No. 32516 (Sub-No. 1).*

*Wheeling & Erie Railway Co.--Trackage Rights Exemption--Norfolk and Western Railway, STB Finance Docket No. 32525 (Sub-No. 1).*

• *SMS Rail Service, Inc.--Petition for Declaratory Order*, STB Finance Docket No. 34483.

• *Union Pacific Corporation, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and Missouri Pacific Railroad Company--Control and Merger--Southern Pacific Rail Corporation, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company, SPCSL Corp., and The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company (Arbitration Review)*, STB Finance Docket No. 32760 (Sub-No. 43).

• *Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co.--Acquisition Exemption--Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34633.

• *Lamoille Valley Railroad Company--Abandonment and Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption--in Caledonia, Washington, Orleans, Lamoille, and Franklin Counties, VT*, STB Docket No. AB-444 (Sub-No. 1X).

• *Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company--Abandonment Exemption--in Marquette County, MI*, STB Docket No. AB-68 (Sub-No. 4X).

• *Minnesota Commercial Railway Company--Adverse Discontinuance--in Ramsey County, MN*, STB Docket No. AB-882.

Embraced case: *MT Properties, Inc.--Adverse Abandonment--in Ramsey County, MN*, STB Docket No. AB-884.

• *Motor Carrier Bureaus--Periodic Review Proceeding*, STB Ex Parte No. 656.

The STB's decision announcing the voting-conference agenda was issued [on January 12, 2005 in \*Meetings of the Board\*, STB Ex Parte No. 333](#). That decision is available for viewing and downloading via the agency's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. A printed copy of the agency's decision also is available for a fee by contacting ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706, telephone (202) 306-4004, or via [asapdc@verizon.net](mailto:asapdc@verizon.net).

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