

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ISSUES SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS, TIME ALLOCATIONS FOR JUNE 3 AND 4
ORAL ARGUMENT IN CSX-NS-CONRAIL MERGER PROCEEDING**

Surface Transportation Board (Board) Chairman Linda J. Morgan announced today that, in the CSX-NS-Conrail merger proceeding, the Board has issued a decision establishing a 2-day oral argument schedule (see Appendix attached) specifying the order of appearance and time allotted to each participant. The schedule provides for a total of 9 hours of oral argument to be divided among approximately 70 parties, of which 2 hours and 30 minutes are being allocated to primary applicants, and 6 hours and 30 minutes are being allocated to other parties under the following categories: Federal Government Parties, Broad Shipper Interests, Specific Shipper Interests, Coal, Passenger and Commuter Interests, Other Railroads, New York/New Jersey, Chicago, Indianapolis, Ohio, Other State Governments, Environmental and Safety Issues, and Labor. Chairman Morgan noted that a number of United States Senators and Congressmen have requested to be included in the schedule to speak at the oral argument, and that time will be allocated at the beginning of each day or otherwise as needed to accommodate Members of Congress.

The oral argument will be held on June 3 and 4, 1998, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on each day in the Board's Hearing Room at its offices in the Mercury Building, 1925 K Street, N.W., in Washington. As seating in the Board's 7th Floor Hearing Room is limited, a second room, the Brick Room on the 1st Floor of the Mercury Building, will be open and linked to the Hearing Room by television monitor. Seating for members of the public in the Hearing Room and the Brick Room will be provided on a "first-come, first-admitted" basis.

Participants planning to use visual aids, such as maps, are advised to inform the Office of the Secretary at (202) 565-1674, no later than close of business Tuesday, May 26, 1998. Participants are limited to projector-adaptable visual displays or handouts. The Board will provide space for handouts participants wish to bring to the oral argument for dissemination to the public. The Board staff will be available in the Board's Hearing Room--Suite 760, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 1998, to demonstrate the Board's projection system. Please call (202) 565-1674 to make arrangements.

For further information, see Decision No. 80, served May 13, 1998 (Decision ID 29186) in 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. The decision is available on the Board's website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

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APPENDIX

Time will be allocated to Members of Congress at the beginning of each day or otherwise as needed. Members of Congress will have the option of appearing on either Wednesday, June 3, 1998, or Thursday, June 4, 1998.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

New York:

Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan

Congressman Jerrold Nadler

Congressman Jack Quinn

Congressman John J. LaFalce

Ohio:
Congressman Sherrod Brown
Congressman Dennis Kucinich
Congressman Ralph Regula
Pennsylvania:
Senator Arlen Specter
Congressman Ron Klink
Rhode Island:
Senator Jack Reed

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

Wednesday, June 3, 1998:

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

TIME

ALLOTTED

PRIMARY APPLICANTS

CSX Corporation, CSX Transportation, Inc., **60 minutes**
Norfolk Southern Corporation, Norfolk Southern (Primary Applicants
Railway Company, Conrail Inc. and Consolidated will have a total of
Rail Corporation of 150 minutes, but will reserve 90 minutes for rebuttal)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PARTIES

U.S. Department of Justice 10 minutes
U.S. Department of Transportation 15 minutes

Total 25 minutes

BROAD SHIPPER INTERESTS

The National Industrial Transportation League 5 minutes
The Fertilizer Institute 5 minutes
Chemical Manufacturers Association 5 minutes
Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc. 5 minutes

Total 20 minutes

SPECIFIC SHIPPER INTERESTS

AK Steel Corporation 5 minutes
APL Limited 5 minutes
ARCO Chemical Company 5 minutes
ASHTA Chemicals Inc. 5 minutes
Eastman Kodak Company 5 minutes
Joseph Smith & Sons, Inc. 5 minutes
Millennium Petrochemicals Inc. 4 minutes
Citizens Gas & Coke Utility 3 minutes

Total 37 minutes

COAL

Centerior Energy Corporation [First Energy Corp.] 5 minutes
Consumers Energy Company 5 minutes
Eighty-Four Mining Company 5 minutes
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation 5 minutes
Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. 5 minutes
Potomac Electric Power Company 5 minutes
American Electric Power Service Corporation 3 minutes

Total 33 minutes

PASSENGER AND COMMUTER INTERESTS

AMTRAK (National Railroad Passenger Corporation) 10 minutes
American Public Transit Association 5 minutes
Metro-North Commuter Railroad 5 minutes
Northern Virginia Transportation Commission & Potomac
and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (VRE) 5 minutes
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority 5 minutes

Total 30 minutes

OTHER RAILROADS

Illinois Central Railroad Company 7 minutes
Ann Arbor Railroad 5 minutes
New England Central Railroad, Inc. 5 minutes
Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company 5 minutes
Housatonic Railroad Company 5 minutes
Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad Corporation 5 minutes
Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad Company 5 minutes
Reading, Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company 5 minutes
New York & Atlantic Railway 5 minutes
Gateway Western Railway Company 3 minutes

Total 50 minutes

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY

State of New York 10 minutes
New York City Economic Development Corporation 5 minutes
Erie-Niagara Rail Steering Committee 5 minutes
Genesee Transportation Council 4 minutes
Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board 2 minutes
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey 5 minutes

Total 31 minutes

CHICAGO

Wisconsin Central, Ltd. 5 minutes
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company, Transtar, Inc.,
and I&M Rail Link 5 minutes
Illinois International Port District 5 minutes

Total 15 minutes

Thursday, June 4, 1998:

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

TIME

ALLOTTED

INDIANAPOLIS

City of Indianapolis, Indiana 5 minutes
Indiana Southern Railroad 5 minutes
Indianapolis Power & Light Company 5 minutes

Total 15 minutes

OHIO

The Attorney General, State of Ohio, The Ohio Rail Development Commission, and The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 10 minutes
Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company 5 minutes
Wyandot Dolomite, Inc. 4 minutes
Stark Development Board 4 minutes
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. 4 minutes
National Lime & Stone Company 4 minutes

Total 31 minutes

OTHER STATE GOVERNMENTS

Delaware Department of Transportation 5 minutes
State of Vermont 5 minutes

Total 10 minutes

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY ISSUES

Four City Consortium--(The Cities of East Chicago, IN; Hammond, IN; Gary, IN; and Whiting, IN 10 minutes
City of Cleveland, Ohio 10 minutes
The Cities of Bay Village, Rocky River and Lakewood, Ohio 5 minutes
Wellington, Ohio Village Council 4 minutes
Tri-State Transportation Campaign 3 minutes
American Trucking Associations 3 minutes

Total 35 minutes

LABOR

Allied Rail Unions, Transportation Communications International Union, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and United Railway Supervisors Assn. 25 minutes
United Transportation Union 15 minutes
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers--Consolidated Rail Corporation--General Committee of Adjustment 5 minutes
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division 227 5 minutes
New York State Legislative Board, United Transportation Union 5 minutes
Retirees--Former Employees of Conrail 3 minutes

Total 58 minutes

PRIMARY APPLICANTS 90 minutes (rebuttal)

Total Time Allocated 540 minutes