

SERVICE DATE – MAY 8, 2020

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36368

SOO LINE CORPORATION—CONTROL—
CENTRAL MAINE & QUEBEC RAILWAY US INC.

Decision No. 4

Digest:¹ The Board grants a request to modify the effective date.

Decided: May 7, 2020

On May 4, 2020, the Board issued Decision No. 3, authorizing Soo Line Corporation (Soo Line Corp.) to acquire control of Central Maine & Quebec Railway US Inc. (CMQR US). Decision No. 3 is scheduled to become effective on June 18, 2020.

On May 5, 2020, Soo Line Corp. filed a letter requesting that the Board “clarify” that the effective date of Decision No. 3 is June 3, 2020, as anticipated in the Board’s initial procedural schedule set out in Decision No. 1 served on January 16, 2020. Soo Line Corp. states it has planned for the integration of CMQR US based on an anticipated effective date of June 3. It argues that delaying the effective date until June 18 would disrupt those plans and that, in particular, a mid-month transition would be more complicated and costly from an accounting and financial reporting perspective. Additionally, Soo Line Corp. asserts that the earlier effective date would be in the public interest as it would allow CMQR US to come out of the independent voting trust sooner.

Soo Line Corp.’s request will be granted. Decision No. 3 will be effective on June 3, 2020. Requests for stay will now be due by May 26, 2020, although petitions for reconsideration will continue to be due on May 26, 2020.

It is ordered:

1. Decision No. 3 will be effective on June 3, 2020.
2. Requests for stay of Decision No. 3 must be filed by May 26, 2020.

¹ The digest constitutes no part of the decision of the Board but has been prepared for the convenience of the reader. It may not be cited to or relied upon as precedent. See Policy Statement on Plain Language Digests in Decisions, EP 696 (STB served Sept. 2, 2010).

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman.