

SERVICE DATE – MARCH 10, 2026

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36447

LAKE PROVIDENCE PORT COMMISSION—
FEEDER LINE APPLICATION—LINE OF DELTA SOUTHERN RAILROAD LOCATED IN
EAST CARROLL AND MADISON PARISHES, LA.

Decided: March 10, 2026

This proceeding involves efforts by the Lake Providence Port Commission (LPPC), a noncarrier political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, to acquire the portion of the McGehee-Tallulah rail corridor owned by Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (DSR), a Class III rail carrier, through a feeder line application under 49 U.S.C. § 10907 and 49 C.F.R. part 1151.

On December 12, 2025, the Board issued a decision that, among other things, assigned and authorized Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Jenifer Soulikias to address discovery matters in this docket. Lake Providence Port Comm’n—Feeder Line Appl.—Line of Delta S. R.R. Located in E. Carroll & Madison Parishes, La., FD 36447, slip op. at 3 (STB served Dec. 12, 2025).

On February 27, 2026, ALJ Soulikias issued a decision granting a motion filed by DSR for issuance of a subpoena to Complex Chemical Company, Inc. (Complex Chemical), a non-party witness, with certain limitations. On March 5, 2026, Complex Chemical and LPPC jointly appealed a portion of the ALJ’s decision. On March 6, 2026, DSR filed a letter stating that it would respond to the appeal by March 15, 2026, “in compliance with the ten day period allotted for responses to appeals under 49 C.F.R. § 1115.1(c).” (DSR Letter 1, Mar. 6, 2026.)

Counsel are reminded that appeals of discovery rulings of Board employees, including administrative law judges, are interlocutory appeals and that replies thereto must be filed with the Board within seven calendar days. See 49 C.F.R. § 1115.9(b); Finch Paper—Pet. for Declaratory Ord., FD 35981, slip op. at 6 (STB served Jan. 11, 2017).

It is ordered:

1. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.