

SERVICE DATE – JANUARY 21, 2026

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. FD 36833

LAMPWRIGHTS LLC—CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A LINE OF
RAILROAD—IN ELK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, PA.

Decided: January 21, 2026

On January 15, 2026, the First Apostles' Doctrine Church (FADC) filed a motion to extend the deadline to reply to the petition filed by Lampwrights LLC (Lampwrights) for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10901 to construct a new rail line (the Line) in Elk and Jefferson Counties, Pa. FADC asks the Board to extend the current deadline of January 22, 2026, until February 20, 2026.

FADC states that it just recently engaged counsel and that an extension is warranted to allow counsel to become familiar with the record. (FADC Mot. 2.) According to FADC, the requested extension will not prejudice Lampwrights or unduly delay the proceeding. (*Id.*) Lampwrights replied to FADC's motion on January 16, 2026, arguing that an extension is not warranted here because FADC and its members have already filed numerous comments in reply to the petition and will also have an opportunity to comment on the potential environmental effects of the Line during the Board's environmental review process. (Lampwrights Reply 1-3, Jan. 16, 2026.)

Under 49 C.F.R. § 1104.7(b), the Board has discretion to grant extensions of time upon request and for good cause. Here, good cause exists to grant FADC a 14-day extension, until February 5, 2026. This more modest extension will allow FADC's newly retained counsel a reasonable opportunity to review the record while not unduly delaying the proceeding.

It is ordered:

1. FADC's motion is granted in part as described above.
2. FADC's reply to Lampwrights' petition is now due by February 5, 2026.
3. This decision is effective on its date of service.

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