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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No.2)]

TTX COMPANY, ET AL.--APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE

POOLING OF CAR SERVICE WITH RESPECT TO FLAT CARS

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of Request for Comments

SUMMARY: In this proceeding, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) provided for the monitoring of TTX Company (TTX) during the 10-year term of its pooling extension. The Board now proposes to reopen this proceeding to take comments from interested parties on whether any of TTX's activities require any action or particular oversight on the Board's part at this time.

DATES: Comments are due on May 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to STB Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No.2) to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1925 K. Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Two copies of all filings should be sent separately to the Board's Office of Compliance and Enforcement, at the above address, Suite 780.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melvin F. Clemens, Jr.,
(202) 927-5500. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-
5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a 1994 decision approving a 10-
year extension of TTX's pooling authority, ^{1/} the ICC required
its Office of Compliance and Enforcement (OCE) to monitor
TTX's operations and to report on any problems at the end of
the third and seventh years. Pursuant to the ICC Termination
Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995)(ICCTA),
effective January 1, 1996, the ICC was abolished; a number of
its functions were eliminated; and its remaining rail and
certain non-rail functions were transferred to the Surface
Transportation Board (Board), newly established under ICCTA.

Because the authority over TTX's pooling arrangement was
transferred to the Board under ICCTA, the Board is now
responsible for monitoring TTX's activities. To carry out
that responsibility, the Board requests comments on whether
any of TTX's activities require any action or particular
oversight on the Board's part at this time. Any commenter
wishing to express a concern about any of TTX's activities

1/This pooling authority was approved in Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No.2), TTX Company, Et.Al.-- Application For Approval of the Pooling of Car Service With Respect to Flat Cars, served August 31, 1994.

should fully describe the activity, the Concern, and the type of Board action that the commenter believes is appropriate. The comments will be reviewed by OCE, and, based on the issues raised, the Board will determine whether any further action is appropriate.

Request for Comments

We invite comments on these matters. We encourage any commenter that has the necessary technical wherewithal to submit its comments as computer data on a 3.5-inch floppy diskette formatted for WordPerfect 7.0, or formatted so that it can be readily converted into WordPerfect 7.0. Any such diskette submission (one diskette will be sufficient) should be in addition to the written submission (an original and 10 copies for the Board and two copies for OCE).

Environment

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Applicants, shippers, and other interested parties may file comments with the Board, as described above, on whether any of TTX's activities require any action or particular oversight on the Board's part at this time.

2. Comments are due May 6, 1997.

3. This decision is being served on all parties appearing on the service list in Finance Docket No. 27590 (Sub-No.2).

4. This decision is effective on the date of service.

Decided: February 26, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary