overnight mail on the parties and on the STB, together with a copy of the arbitration decision. Replies to such appeals may be filed within 20 days of the filing of the appeal with the Board. An appeal or a reply under this paragraph shall not exceed 20 pages in length. The parties shall furnish to the STB an original and 10 copies of appeals and replies filed pursuant to this section. The filing fee for an appeal will be as set forth in 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(87).

(b) The filing of an appeal, as allowed in paragraph (a) of this §1108.11, automatically will stay an arbitration decision pending disposition of the appeal. The STB will decide any such appeal within 60 days after the appeal is filed. Such decision by the STB shall be served in accordance with normal STB service procedures.

(c) The STB will review, and may vacate or amend, an arbitration award, in whole or in part, only on the grounds that such award

(1) Exceeds the STB’s statutory jurisdiction; or
(2) Does not take its essence from the Interstate Commerce Act.

(d) Effective arbitration decisions rendered pursuant to these procedures, whether or not appealed to the STB, may only be enforced in accordance with 9 U.S.C. 9 and vacated by a court in accordance with 9 U.S.C. 10, except that an STB decision vacating an arbitration award is reviewable under the Hobbs Act, 28 U.S.C. 2321, 2342.

§ 1108.12 Additional matters.

Where an arbitration demand is filed by one or more complainants against one or more defendants, the complainants as a group and the defendants as a group shall be entitled to exercise those rights, with respect to the selection of arbitrators, as are conferred on individual arbitration parties.