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final arbitration decision, unless a later date is authorized by the Board, and is subject to the page limitations of §1115.2(d). For arbitrations authorized under part 1108, subparts A and B, of this chapter, the Board's standard of review of arbitration decisions will be narrow, and relief will only be granted on grounds that the decision is inconsistent with sound principles of rail regulation economics, a clear abuse of arbitral authority or discretion occurred, the decision directly contravenes statutory authority, or the award limitation was violated. For labor arbitration decisions, the Board's standard of review is set forth in *Chicago and North Western Transportation Company—Abandonment—near Dubuque & Oelwein, Iowa*, 3 I.C.C.2d 729 (1987), *aff'd sub nom. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers v. Interstate Commerce Commission*, 862 F.2d 330 (D.C. Cir. 1988). The timely filing of a petition will not automatically stay the effect of the arbitration decision. A stay may be requested under §1115.3(f).

[81 FR 69417, Oct. 6, 2016, as amended at 88 FR 735, Jan. 4, 2023]

§ 1115.9 Interlocutory appeals.

(a) Rulings of Board employees, including administrative law judges, may be appealed prior to service of the initial decision only if:

(1) The ruling denies or terminates any person's participation;

(2) The ruling grants a request for the inspection of documents not ordinarily available for public inspection;

(3) The ruling overrules an objection based on privilege, the result of which ruling is to require the presentation of testimony or documents; or

(4) The ruling may result in substantial irreparable harm, substantial detriment to the public interest, or undue prejudice to a party.

(b) In stand-alone cost complaints or in cases filed under the simplified standards, any interlocutory appeal of a ruling shall be filed with the Board within three (3) business days of the ruling. Replies to any interlocutory appeal shall be filed with the Board within three (3) business days after the filing of any such appeal. In all other cases, interlocutory appeals shall be filed with the Board within seven (7)

calendar days of the ruling and replies to interlocutory appeals shall be filed with Board within seven (7) calendar days after the filing of any such appeal as computed under 49 CFR 1104.7.

[61 FR 52714, Oct. 8, 1996, as amended at 61 FR 58491, Nov. 15, 1996; 72 FR 51377, Sept. 7, 2007]

PART 1116—ORAL ARGUMENT BEFORE THE BOARD

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§ 1116.1 Requests.

(a) *Addressee*. Requests for oral argument should be addressed to the Chief, Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

(b) *Who may request?* Any party may submit a written request for oral argument and state the reasons for the request. No replies from other parties to the request shall be made.

(c) *When to file a request*. Requests for oral argument should be filed within 20 days after the date of service of the decision, order, or requirement being appealed, unless the Board by order prescribes a different time period.

(d) *Granting of request*. The Board will rule upon requests by decision, and the granting of requests is entirely at the discretion of the Board.

[47 FR 49569, Nov. 1, 1982, as amended at 74 FR 52908, Oct. 15, 2009]

§ 1116.2 Manner of presentation.

Proponents of a rule or order will be heard first, and opponents will be heard second. One counsel only will usually be heard for each of the opposing interests, unless additional presentations are specifically authorized.

PART 1117—PETITIONS (FOR RELIEF) NOT OTHERWISE COVERED

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