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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB No. 41693<sup>1</sup>

A.J. SIRIS PRODUCTS CORPORATION--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY  
ORDER--CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF FRIEDMAN'S EXPRESS, INC-

STB No. 41695

AZON CORPORATION--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER --  
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF FRIEDMAN'S EXPRESS, INC.

STB No. 41698

DURO BAG MANUFACTURING CO.--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--  
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF FRIEDMAN'S EXPRESS, INC.

STB No. 41729

NUPRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--  
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF FRIEDMAN'S EXPRESS, INC.

Decided: October 30, 1996

By decisions served May 16, 1996, May 20, 1996, and May 24, 1996, the Board established procedural schedules in these proceedings. Petitioners' timely filed their opening statements. Respondent's replies were due on October 28, 1996 and October 30, 1996.

By letter filed October 29, 1996, respondent requests a further extension of time to December 2, 1996, to file its reply statements. Respondent states that counsel for petitioners does not object to the extension request.

The requests will be granted and the procedural schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

It is order:

1. Respondent's extension request is granted.
2. Respondent's reply is due on December 2, 1996.
3. Petitioners' rebuttal is due on December 23, 1996.
4. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> These proceedings are not consolidated. A single decision is being issued for administrative convenience.