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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 42087

GROOME & ASSOCIATES, INC. AND LEE K. GROOME
v.
GREENVILLE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Decided: January 3, 2005

On October 12, 2004, a procedural schedule was established in this proceeding to consider a complaint filed by Groome & Associates, Inc. and Lee K. Groome (jointly, Groome) against Greenville County Economic Development Corporation (GCEDC). In a letter filed on December 28, 2004, GCEDC requests an extension of time, until January 24, 2005, to file its reply to Groome's opening statement. GCEDC also requests that the deadline for Groome to file its rebuttal statement be extended from January 31, 2005, until February 14, 2005. GCEDC maintains that the extensions are necessary to provide GCEDC with time to review the opening statement, hire experts, prepare testimony, and review the discovery. GCEDC asserts that it has been authorized to state that Groome does not oppose the request for an extension of time to file a reply, so long as Groome's time to file a rebuttal statement is also extended.

The request is reasonable. Accordingly, the motion to extend the procedural schedule will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The due date for GCEDC to file its reply statement is extended from January 10, 2005, to January 24, 2005.
2. The due date for Groome to file its rebuttal statement is extended from January 31, 2005, to February 14, 2005.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary