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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. 41192

THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF SWEENEY TRANSPORTATION, INC.,
AND KNICKERBOCKER EAST-WEST, INC.

Decided: July 13, 1998

In a decision served June 4, 1998, the Board granted an extension of the procedural schedule for the filing of statements in this proceeding. The due date for the opening statement of the TJX Companies, Inc. (TJX or petitioner) was set as June 22, 1998, the due date for the reply by Sweeney Transportation, Inc., and Knickerbocker East-West, Inc. (respondents) was set as July 22, 1998, and the due date for petitioner's rebuttal was set as August 11, 1998.

Petitioner timely filed its opening statement on June 22. However, on July 2, 1998, respondents filed a request that the due date for their reply be extended to October 1, 1998. Respondents state that counsel for petitioner does not object to the request.

In view of the volume of petitioner's opening statement and the complexity of this case, the request will be granted. In addition, the time between the due dates for respondents' reply and petitioner's rebuttal will be extended from 20 days to 40 days.

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

It is ordered:

1. Respondents' extension request is granted.
2. Respondents' reply statement is due October 1, 1998.
3. Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due November 10, 1998.
4. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary