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SERVICE DATE - OCTOBER 9, 1998

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. WCC-101

GOVERNMENT OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM

v.

SEA-LAND SERVICE, INC., AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES, LTD., AND
MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY, INC.

Decided: October 8, 1998

By complaint filed September 10, 1998, the Government of the Territory of Guam seeks: (1) the establishment of reasonable rates, rules, classifications and practices for all transportation by water (including the water portion of intermodal transportation) provided by defendants in the domestic offshore trade to and from Guam; and (2) reparations and damages for all sums assessed and collected by defendants for that transportation.

By motion filed September 30, 1998, defendants seeks a 30-day extension of time, until November 12, 1998, to answer the complaint.¹ Defendants state that the additional time is needed due to the broad and complex nature of the complaint.

The request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. Defendants' motion for an extension of time to file answers to the complaint is granted.
2. Answers to the complaint are due November 12, 1998.
3. The decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ Defendants state that they received the complaint on September 21, 1998, thereby necessitating that an answer be filed by October 13, 1998.