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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: November 24, 1998

In a decision served September 24, 1998, the Board granted an extension of the procedural schedule for the filing of statements in this proceeding. Respondents Sweeney Transportation, Inc., and Knickerbocker East-West, Inc., filed their reply on October 30, 1998. The due date for the rebuttal of The TJX Companies, Inc. (petitioner) is December 10, 1998.<sup>1</sup>

On November 20, 1998, petitioner filed a request for a 32-day extension until January 11, 1999, to file its rebuttal statement. Petitioner states that its transportation employees need the additional time to locate and review records to assist in the preparation of its rebuttal to respondents' lengthy allegations on reply. Petitioner states that counsel for respondents consents to the extension request. In view of the complexity of this case, the request will be granted.

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

It is ordered:

1. Petitioner's extension request is granted.
2. Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due January 11, 1999.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Petitioner filed its opening statement on June 22, 1998.