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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: September 22, 1998

In a decision served July 15, 1998, the Board granted an extension of the procedural schedule for the filing of statements in this proceeding. The due date for the reply by Sweeney Transportation, Inc., and Knickerbocker East-West, Inc. (respondents) was set as October 1, 1998, and the due date for the rebuttal of The TJX Companies, Inc. (petitioner) was set as November 10, 1998.<sup>1</sup>

On September 14, 1998, respondents filed a request that the due date for their reply be extended to October 30, 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. The due date for petitioner's rebuttal will be similarly extended.

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 30, 1998.

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

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3. Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due December 10, 1998.
4. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary