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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

No. 41668

GENERAL FELT INDUSTRIES, INC.--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF FRIEDMAN'S EXPRESS, INC.

Decided: November 19, 1996

By decision served December 22, 1995, the ICC established a procedural schedule in this proceeding. Petitioner's timely filed its opening statement. Respondent's reply was due on November 8, 1996.

By letter filed November 13, 1996, respondent requests a further extension of time to December 9, 1996, to file its reply statement. Respondent states that counsel for petitioner does not object to the extension request.

The request is reasonable and will be granted. The procedural schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

It is ordered:

1. Respondent's extension request is granted.
2. Respondent's reply statement is due on December 9, 1996.
3. Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due on December 30, 1996.
4. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary