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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD¹

DECISION

No. 41595

KRAFT GENERAL FOODS GROUP, METRO INDUSTRIES, INC., MOLDAN CORP., NATIONAL BEAUTY, INC., JAMES RIVER PAPER COMPANY fka PACIFIC PAPERBOARD PRODUCTS, STONE HEAVY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS, INC., AND WORD, INC.--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER-- CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF TRANSCON LINES

Decided: October 29, 1996

This proceeding arises out of the efforts of Transcon Lines (respondent) to collect undercharges on certain shipments from shippers, Kraft General Foods Group, Metro Industries, Inc., Moldan Corp., National Beauty, Inc., James River Paper Company fka Pacific Paperboard Products, Stone Heavy Vehicle Specialists, Inc., and Word, Inc. (petitioners). The matter is before the Board on referral from the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, in Leonard L. Gumport, Chapter 7 Trustee of the Bankruptcy Estate of Transcon Lines v. Kraft General Foods Group, Metro Industries, Inc., Moldan Corp., National Beauty, Inc., James River Paper Company fka Pacific Paperboard Products, Stone Heavy Vehicle Specialists, Inc., and Word, Inc. Case No. SB 93-22207 DN, Chapter 7, Adv. No. SB-94-01181-DN, Adv. No. SB-93-02340-DN; Adv. No. SB-94-01094-DN; and Adv. No. SB-93-01692-DN, Adv. No. SB-93-02460-DN, Adv. No. SB-9401572-DN, and Adv. No. SB-93-02429-DN, respectively (referral orders dated April 19, 1995).

By decision served July 19, 1995, the ICC established a procedural schedule in this proceeding.

By letters filed July 1, 1996, and October 10, 1996, petitioner James River Company fka Pacific Paperboard Products (James River) requested that the Board dismiss it as a party to this proceeding because its underlying court case has been dismissed by the referring court by order dated May 31, 1996.

Petitioner's request will be granted, and James River will be dismissed from this proceeding.

It is ordered:

1. Petitioner James River is dismissed from this proceeding.
2. This decision is effective on the service date.
3. A copy of this decision will be mailed to:

The Honorable David N. Naugle
United States Bankruptcy Court,
Central District of California
200 Federal Building
699 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Re: Case No. SE 93-22207 DN, Chapter 7,
Adv. No. SB-93-02460-DN

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ On December 29, 1995, the President signed the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (ICC Termination Act or the Act). Effective January 1, 1996, the Act abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred various ICC functions to a newly created Surface Transportation Board (Board), including the resolution of issues in motor carrier undercharge proceedings, 49 U.S.C. 13709-13711.