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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 42059

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
MINNESOTA D/B/A XCEL ENERGY

v.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: August 15, 2002

By request filed August 13, 2002, defendant Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) requests 14-day extensions, until October 4 and November 1, 2002, respectively, for submitting reply and rebuttal evidence in the rate complaint proceeding instituted by complainant Northern States Power Company Minnesota d/b/a Xcel Energy (NSP).¹ UP states that the additional time is needed to accommodate the schedules of its counsel and consultants, and that NSP does not oppose the extension requests. The request will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. The extension requests are granted. The parties' reply evidence is due October 4, 2002. Rebuttal evidence is due November 1, 2002.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ NSP has filed a complaint challenging the reasonableness of UP's rates on complainant's coal shipments from various origins to NSP's electric generating facilities at Burnsville and Bayport, MN. On July 19, 2002, NSP and UP filed their opening statements.