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Service Date- December 2, 1996

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

S.B. No. 41904

THOMAS & BETTS CORPORATION--FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--CERTAIN RATES
AND PRACTICES OF BE-MAC TRANSPORT COMPANY,INC.

Decided: December 24,1996

By decision served July 24, 1996, a procedural schedule was established in this proceeding. subsequently by decision served November 27, 1996, petitioner was directed to file its opening statement or show cause why this proceeding should not be dismissed.

By motion filed December 17, 1996, petitioner requests leave to late file its opening statement and further requests the Board to establish a new procedural schedule. Petitioner advises that respondent has expressed no objection to these requests. Petitioner's motion will be granted, and a new procedural schedule set forth below will be established.

It is ordered:

- 1.Petitioner's motion is granted.
- 2.Petitioner's opening statement is due on January 17, 1997.
3. Respondent's reply statement is due on February 18,1997.
- 4.Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due on March 10, 1997.
- 5.This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary

