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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. WCC-104

TRAILER BRIDGE, INC.

v.

SEA STAR LINES, LLC

Decided: April 28, 2000

By complaint filed on July 1, 1999, Trailer Bridge, Inc. (Trailer Bridge or complainant), a provider of motor-water intermodal transportation services between United States mainland points and Puerto Rico, seeks a finding that Sea Star Lines, LLC (Sea Star or defendant) has engaged in certain unreasonable practices in violation of 49 U.S.C. 13701(a)(1)(B).¹ Sea Star filed an answer to the complaint on July 26, 1999, in which it denied the allegations.

By a decision served January 13, 2000, the Board adopted a procedural schedule in this proceeding that called for discovery to be completed by May 1, 2000. The parties have failed to agree on numerous issues involving discovery and, as a result, a number of discovery motions remain pending at the Board. In recognition of the fact that the procedural schedule as adopted cannot be followed, the schedule will be suspended pending further order of the Board resolving the discovery-related issues and establishing a new procedural schedule.

It is ordered:

1. The procedural schedule in this proceeding is suspended pending further order of the Board.
2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ A second count, alleging that defendant has also violated the National Transportation Policy, was dismissed in a Board decision served December 10, 1999.