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**Service Date -December 2, 1996**

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

S.B. No. 41985

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC CORPORATION OF AMERICA  
--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--  
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF TRANSCON LINES

Decided: November 25, 1996

By decision served November 7, 1996, the Board established a procedural schedule in this proceeding. Petitioner's opening statement is due on January 6, 1997.

By letter filed November 19, 1996, the petitioner requests an extension of time to March 7, 1997, to file its opening statement. Petitioner states that additional time is needed to enable the parties to finalize settlement negotiations.

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

It is ordered:

1. Petitioner's extension request is granted.
2. Petitioner's opening statement is due on March 7, 1997.
3. Respondent's reply statement is due on April 7, 1997.
4. Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due on April 28, 1997.
5. This decision is effective on the service date.  
By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary



