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SERVICE DATE - MARCH 26, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB No. 41835¹

MONSANTO COMPANY--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--CERTAIN
RATES AND PRACTICES OF ST. JOHNSBURY TRUCKING COMPANY, INC.

STB No. 41838

KRAFT FOODS, INC.--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--CERTAIN
RATES AND PRACTICES OF ST. JOHNSBURY TRUCKING COMPANY, INC.

Decided: March 21, 1997

By decisions served July 3, 1996, the Board established procedural schedules in these proceedings. Due dates were extended by subsequent decisions. Petitioners' opening statements were timely filed..

By letter filed March 12, 1997, respondent requests an extension of time to May 5, 1997, to file its reply statements. Respondent states that counsel for petitioners do not object to the extension request.

The request will be granted and the procedural schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

It is ordered:

1. Respondent's extension request is granted.
2. Respondent's reply is due on May 5, 1997.
3. Petitioners' rebuttal is due on May 27, 1997.
4. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

¹ These proceedings are not consolidated. A single decision is being issued for administrative convenience.

No. 41877 et al.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary