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SERVICE DATE – SEPTEMBER 5, 2003

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. WCC-105

DHX, INC.

v.

MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY AND SEA-LAND SERVICE, INC.

Decided: September 4, 2003

This case involves a challenge by DHX, a freight forwarder, to the reasonableness of certain rates and practices of Matson Navigation Company and Sea-Land Service, Inc.,<sup>1</sup> two water carriers in the noncontiguous domestic trade between the United States mainland and Hawaii. The procedural schedule was suspended in a decision served on June 6, 2002. In a decision served on May 14, 2003, the Board extended the time until June 30, 2003, for the parties to complete outstanding discovery matters before restarting the procedural schedule. The time to complete discovery matters was further extended until August 4, 2003, in decisions served on May 30, 2003, and July 10, 2003. The parties were directed to confer and submit a joint proposal for a new procedural schedule upon completion of outstanding discovery matters.

By joint motion filed on August 25, 2003, the parties state that they have mutually agreed to a procedural schedule for filing evidence in this proceeding, as set forth below. The proposed procedural schedule is reasonable and will be adopted.

It is ordered:

1. The joint request is granted.

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<sup>1</sup> In a letter dated July 13, 2000, Sea-Land Service, Inc., advised that its name had changed to SL Service, Inc. (SL). SL's business and operations were subsequently transferred to a separate company known as CSX Lines, LLC. On February 24, 2003, CSX, Inc., sold a majority interest in CSX Lines, LLC, and a successor entity, Horizon Lines, LLC, was formed.

2. The procedural schedule in this proceeding is as follows:

October 21, 2003	Opening statement due
December 5, 2003	Reply statements due
January 7, 2004	Rebuttal statement due.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary