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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB No. 41857

PHILIPS ELECTRONICS N/A; PHILIPS LIGHTING CO. DIVISION
--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--CERTAIN RATES AND
PRACTICES OF ST. JOHNSBURY TRUCKING COMPANY, INC.

Decided: September 8, 1997

By decision served July 9, 1996, a procedural schedule was established in this proceeding. Due dates were extended by subsequent decisions. Petitioner's opening statement was due on August 29, 1997.

By letter filed September 8, 1997, petitioner requests an additional extension to September 29, 1997, to file its opening statement. Petitioner states that they have notified respondent's counsel, and that respondent does not object to this request.

Petitioner's request for an extension of the due date for its opening statement will be granted. The procedural schedule will be adjusted accordingly. **In light of this extension and the extensions previously granted, further extensions will be granted only upon a showing of good cause. If a further extension is requested, petitioner must explain why the extension is necessary.**

It is ordered:

1. Petitioner's extension request is granted.
2. Petitioner's opening statement is due on September 29, 1997.
3. Respondent's reply statement is due on October 29, 1997.
4. Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due on November 18, 1997.
5. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary