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SERVICE DATE - JULY 23, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

No. 41786<sup>1</sup>

THOMAS INDUSTRIES, INC.

v.

ST. JOHNSBURY TRUCKING COMPANY, INC.

No. 41788

BROWN & WILLIAMSON TOBACCO CORPORATION

v.

ST. JOHNSBURY TRUCKING COMPANY, INC.

Decided: July 18, 1997

By decisions served July 17, 1996, the Board established procedural schedules in these proceedings. Due dates were extended by subsequent decisions. Complainants' opening statements were due on July 18, 1997.

By letters filed July 17, 1997, complainants request a further extension of time to September 16, 1997, to file their opening statements. Complainants state that the additional time is needed to continue settlement negotiations. Complainants also state that defendant does not oppose the extension requests.

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

It is ordered:

1. Complainants' extension requests are granted.
2. Complainants' opening statements are due on September 16, 1997.
3. Defendant's reply is due on October 16, 1997.
4. Complainants' rebuttal statements are due on November 5, 1997.
5. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary

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