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SERVICE DATE - JULY 28, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 41907

SHORE LINE ENTERPRISES, INC.

v.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY .

Decided: July 25, 1997

This proceeding was instituted by complaint filed July 17, 1996. On July 29, 1996, the Board served a Notice of Complaint and a copy of the complaint on defendant. Defendant filed its answer on August 19, 1996.

By decision served September 17, 1996, a procedural schedule was established in this proceeding. Complainant's opening statement was due on October 17, 1996. Board records, however, indicate that complainant has not filed its statement. Accordingly, complainant is directed to file its opening statement by August 18, 1997, or show cause why this proceeding should not be dismissed.

It is ordered:

1. Petitioner is directed to file its opening statement on or before August 18, 1997, or show cause why this proceeding should not be dismissed.
2. If petitioner files its opening statement, respondent's reply statement will be due on September 17, 1997, and petitioner's rebuttal statement will be due on October 7, 1997.
3. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary