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SERVICE DATE - DECEMBER 1, 1998

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

No. 41670

SHELL CHEMICAL COMPANY and SHELL OIL COMPANY  
v.  
BOSTON & MAINE CORPORATION, ET AL.

Decision No. 26

Decided: November 30, 1998

Complainants<sup>1</sup> and defendants<sup>2</sup> have indicated, in their joint status report filed October 30, 1998, that they have completed discovery on market dominance issues and intend to proceed with the submission of evidence and argument respecting such issues in accordance with the schedule detailed below. The schedule proposed by the parties is reasonable, see Decision No. 19, slip op. at 8, and will therefore be adopted.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Simultaneous opening submissions respecting market dominance are due on December 14, 1998.
2. Simultaneous reply submissions respecting market dominance are due on January 28, 1999.
3. Simultaneous rebuttal submissions respecting market dominance are due on February 17, 1999.
4. The requirement respecting the filing of status reports is terminated. See Decision No. 19, slip op. at 8 n.32.

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<sup>1</sup> The two complainants are Shell Chemical Company and Shell Oil Company (referred to collectively as complainants or Shell). See Decision No. 19, slip op. at 1 & n.3.

<sup>2</sup> There are 15 remaining defendants. See Decision No. 25, slip op. at 1 n.1.

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5. All submissions shall be accompanied by the appropriate electronic copies. See Decision No. 19, slip op. at 9 & n.34. See also Decision No. 21, slip op. at 4-5 & nn. 12-13.

6. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary