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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB No. 41852

ABBOTT LABORATORIES--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--  
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF BE-MAC TRANSPORT COMPANY, INC.

Decided: November 15, 1996

By decision served July 8, 1996, the Board established a procedural schedule in this proceeding. Petitioner's opening statement was due on October 3, 1996.

By letter filed November 12, 1996, petitioner requests an extension of time to December 4, 1996, to file its opening statement. Petitioner states that respondent does not oppose the extension request.

The request is reasonable and will be granted. The procedural schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

It is ordered:

1. Petitioner's extension request is granted.
2. Petitioner's opening statement is due on December 4, 1996.
3. Respondent's reply statement is due on January 3, 1997.
4. Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due on January 23, 1997.
5. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary