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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 42096

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION—PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER—CERTAIN
RATES AND PRACTICES OF THE LOUISIANA AND NORTH WEST RAILROAD
COMPANY

Decided: November 13, 2006

On February 1, 2006, Albemarle Corporation (Albemarle) filed a petition for declaratory order seeking a determination by the Board of the reasonableness of certain rates, charges and practices of The Louisiana and North West Railroad Company. The proceeding was held in abeyance at the request of the parties in a decision served on April 6, 2006, so that the parties could engage in mediation.

On October 31, 2006, Albemarle filed a motion to dismiss, requesting that the Board dismiss with prejudice its petition for declaratory order because the parties have reached a settlement of the issues. Accordingly, the motion to dismiss will be granted, and this proceeding will be discontinued.

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

It is ordered:

1. The petition for declaratory order is dismissed with prejudice, and this proceeding is discontinued.

2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary