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SERVICE DATE - JANUARY 28, 1999

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

No. 41670

SHELL CHEMICAL COMPANY and SHELL OIL COMPANY

v.

BOSTON & MAINE CORPORATION, ET AL.

Decision No. 28

Decided: January 27, 1999

By joint motion filed January 25, 1999, complainants<sup>1</sup> and defendants<sup>2</sup> have requested a 45-day extension of the procedural schedule adopted in Decision No. 27. The parties indicate that complainants and defendant CSX Transportation, Inc., the originating railroad for the traffic at issue in this proceeding, have reached an agreement in principle as to terms of a new commercial arrangement that, among other things, will resolve the issues raised in this proceeding.

Given the circumstances, the request for an extension of the procedural schedule is reasonable. The revised schedule envisioned by the parties 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 March 15, 1999.
2. Simultaneous reply submissions respecting market dominance are due on April 29, 1999.
3. Simultaneous rebuttal submissions respecting market dominance are due on May 20, 1999.

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<sup>1</sup> The two complainants are Shell Chemical Company and Shell Oil Company. 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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4. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary