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SERVICE DATE - FEBRUARY 14, 2000

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. WCC-102

OCEAN LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT, INC.

v.

NPR, INC., AND HOLT CARGO SYSTEMS, INC.

Decided: February 11, 2000

By complaint filed October 6, 1998, under 49 U.S.C. 13701(c), Ocean Logistics Management, Inc. (OLMI or complainant), a non-vessel operating common carrier, sought a finding that NPR, Inc., doing business as NPR, Navieras and Navieras Puerto Rico (NPR), a vessel operating common carrier providing transportation between the United States and Puerto Rico, has engaged in certain unreasonable practices in violation of 49 U.S.C. 13701(a)(1)(B). Holt Cargo Systems, Inc. (Holt), NPR's affiliate, was also named as a defendant.¹ NPR and Holt filed answers to the complaint, respectively, on May 17, 1999, and August 16, 1999.

By joint motion filed February 4, 2000, complainant and respondents request an order dismissing with prejudice the amended complaint filed in this proceeding. The parties state that they have reached a full and final settlement of all claims in this proceeding by entering into a confidential settlement agreement. They also state that, as part of the agreement, OLMI has agreed to voluntarily dismiss, with prejudice, its action against NPR and HOLT. The motion will be granted.

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

It is ordered:

1. The joint motion to dismiss is granted. The complaint in this proceeding is dismissed with prejudice, and the proceeding is discontinued.

¹ The complaint was amended on March 25, 1999.

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

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary