

SERVICE DATE - MAY 23, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB No. 41777<sup>1</sup>

FRIENDLY ICE CREAM CORPORATION

v.

ST. JOHNSBURY TRUCKING COMPANY, INC.

STB No. 41780

THE C. R. GIBSON COMPANY

v.

ST. JOHNSBURY TRUCKING COMPANY, INC.

STB No. 41786

THOMAS INDUSTRIES, INC.

v.

ST. JOHNSBURY TRUCKING COMPANY, INC.

STB No. 41788

BROWN & WILLIAMSON TOBACCO CORPORATION

v.

ST. JOHNSBURY TRUCKING COMPANY, INC.

STB No. 41789

DEL LABORATORIES, INC.

v.

ST. JOHNSBURY TRUCKING COMPANY, INC.

Decided: May 20, 1997

By decisions served July 17, 1996, the Board established procedural schedules in these proceedings. Due dates were extended by subsequent decisions. Complainants' opening statements were due on April 18, 1997.

By letters filed May 16, 1997, complainants request a further extension of time to July 18, 1997, to file their opening statements. Complainants assert that additional time is needed to enable the parties to finalize settlement negotiations. Complainants state that defendant does not oppose the extension requests.

The requests will be granted and the procedural schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

It is ordered:

1. Complainants' extension requests are granted.
2. Complainants' opening statements are due on July 18, 1997.
3. Defendant's reply is due on August 18, 1997.
4. Complainants' rebuttal statements are due on September 8, 1997.

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<sup>1</sup> These proceedings are not consolidated. A single decision is being issued for administrative convenience.

5. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary