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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. 41192

THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF SWEENEY TRANSPORTATION, INC.,
AND KNICKERBOCKER EAST-WEST, INC.

Decided: February 27, 1998

In a decision served on January 28, 1998, in this proceeding, the Board granted a 30-day extension of the schedule for the filing of statements. The due date for the opening statement of The TJX Companies, Inc. (TJX or petitioner) was set as March 9, 1998.

On February 25, 1998, TJX filed a request for a 90-day extension of the procedural schedule.

TJX states that it requires an extension because it is encountering difficulty in obtaining copies of tariffs from the Federal Records Center that are required for an analysis to be included in petitioner's opening statement. Petitioner asserts that respondent, Sweeney Transportation, Inc., assents to the request. The request is reasonable and will be granted.

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

It is ordered:

1. TJX's extension request is granted.
2. Petitioner's opening statement is due June 8, 1998.
3. Respondent's reply statement is due July 8, 1998.

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4. Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due July 28, 1998.

5. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary