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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Section 5a Application No. 61 (Sub-No. 6)

NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE – AGREEMENT

Decided: December 9, 2003

On November 17, 2003, the National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., and its subsidiary, the National Classification Committee (NCC), filed amendments to NCC's bureau agreement in order to comply with the Board's prior decision in this proceeding, National Classification Committee – Agreement, Section 5a Application No. 61 (Sub-No. 6) (STB served Oct. 16, 2003) (NCC). The Board's decision in NCC required NCC to amend its bureau agreement in two respects: (1) to clarify that protective orders may still be used, albeit not to obtain information on the source(s) of data used in classification proceedings; and (2) to preserve the right to petition the Board for suspension of NCC decisions affirmed by arbitrators. Having made these amendments, NCC requests summary approval of its revised agreement.

NCC's revised agreement will be summarily approved, and this proceeding will be discontinued. NCC's amendments, which were served on other parties of record, fully comply with the Board's decision in NCC. There are no remaining issues.

It is ordered:

1. NCC's revised bureau agreement is approved.
2. This proceeding is discontinued.

3. This decision is effective on December 20, 2003.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary