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SERVICE DATE - JANUARY 28, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB No. 41904

THOMAS & BETTS CORPORATION--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF BE-MAC TRANSPORT COMPANY, INC.

Decided: January 23, 1997

By decision served July 24, 1996, a procedural schedule was established in this proceeding. Due dates were extended by a subsequent decision. Petitioner's opening statements were due on January 17, 1997.

By letter filed January 22, 1997, petitioner requests a further extension of time to February 18, 1997, to file its opening statement. Petitioner states that counsel for respondent does not object to the extension request.

The request will be granted and the procedural schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

It is ordered:

1. Petitioner's extension request is granted.
2. Petitioner's opening statement is due on February 18, 1997.
3. Respondent's reply statement is due on March 20, 1997.
4. Petitioner's rebuttal statement is due on April 9, 1997.
5. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary