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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 42096

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION—PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER—CERTAIN
RATES AND PRACTICES OF THE LOUISIANA AND NORTH WEST RAILROAD
COMPANY

Decided: February 17, 2006

On February 1, 2006, Albemarle Corporation (Albemarle) filed a petition for declaratory order seeking a determination by the Board of the reasonableness of certain rates, charges and practices of The Louisiana and North West Railroad Company (LNW). Under 49 CFR 1104.13(a), replies to the petition are due on February 21, 2006. On February 17, 2006, LNW filed a letter requesting a 7-day extension of its reply due date, from February 21, 2006, to February 28, 2006.

LNW states that the extension is needed because LNW recently has retained counsel to represent it in this proceeding. It also states that Albemarle has consented to this extension.

The extension request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. LNW's extension request is granted, and its reply is due on February 28, 2006.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary