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By decision served April 8, 2002, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) extended (from April 19th to May 20th, 2002) the deadline for comments by interested parties on the National Classification Committee's (NCC) proposed amendments to its section 5a agreement. These amendments bring the NCC's agreement into compliance with the STB's November 20, 2001, decision in this proceeding. The deadline for the NCC's reply to these comments was set for June 3, 2002. While, as scheduled, the due date for the NCC's reply statement would have allowed at least ten (10) working days for our response, this time interval has been substantially diminished by factors beyond our control.

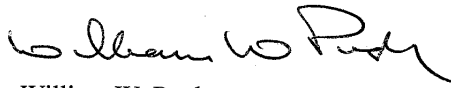
At the time this request was completed (@ 1:45 (EST) Wednesday, May 22nd) the NCC had received comments regarding its agreement that were submitted by: (1) Bowman Industrial Traffic Consultants, Inc. and; (2) the National Small Shipments Traffic Conference, Inc., and the Health and Personal Care Logistics Conference, Inc. (hereinafter NASSTRAC). The comments filed by NASSTRAC in particular were substantial, comprising 28 pages of fundamental objections to changes that the NCC has proposed for its agreement. We have yet to receive several sets of comments that we are aware other parties have submitted. Further, our offices

will be closed May 27th to observe Memorial Day. Consequently, with the present schedule, the NCC would have no more than seven (7) workdays to analyze the comprehensive comments filed by multiple shipper associations -- some of which it has not yet received -- and to prepare, file and serve its reply.

We believe that in this proceeding, that has continued for almost five years, a much needed ten-day extension for the last scheduled filing would not be unreasonable.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the due date for the NCC's reply statement in the above-captioned proceeding be extended from June 3, 2002 to June 13, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

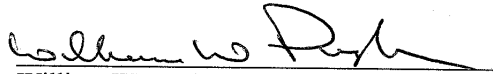
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William W. Pugh
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DATED: May 22, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 22nd day of May, 2002 served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Extension of Time upon all parties of record by first class mail, postage prepaid.


William W. Pugh