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SERVICE DATE - FEBRUARY 8, 2000
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DECISION

STB Docket No. 42043

FARMCO, INC. v. CENTRAL KANSAS RAILWAY L.L.C. AND
KANSAS SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY L.L.C.

Decided: February 7, 2000

On June 4, 1999, Farmco, Inc. (FMCO), a farmers' cooperative, filed a complaint alleging that, between July 1, 1998, and September 30, 1998, Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C. and Kansas Southwestern Railway, L.L.C. (collectively, defendants) failed to deliver hopper cars that were guaranteed under the grain car allocation procedures prescribed in Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) tariffs. A procedural schedule was established by a decision served on July 21, 1999, and was revised by decisions served on September 29, 1999, and October 29, 1999.

In a letter filed on February 2, 2000, FMCO requests that the due date for filing its rebuttal statement be extended to February 23, 2000, and that the due date for FMCO and defendants to file briefs be extended to March 23, 2000. FMCO indicates that counsel for defendants has agreed to the time extensions.

Good cause exists for granting the requested time extensions.

It is ordered:

1. FMCO's request for time extensions is granted.
2. FMCO's rebuttal statement is due February 23, 2000, and the parties' briefs are due March 23, 2000.
3. This decision is effective on the date served.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary