

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Section 5a Application No. 46 (Sub-No. 20)

SOUTHERN MOTOR CARRIERS RATE CONFERENCE, INC.

Decided: October 22, 2004

By decision served on October 1, 2004, the Surface Transportation Board announced that it will hold an oral argument in this proceeding on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to that decision, the parties provided the names of their speakers. The following speakers are scheduled to address the Board: John R. Bagileo (Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc.) (SMCRC); David H. Coburn (Rocky Mountain Tariff Bureau, Inc., and EC-MAC Motor Carriers Service Association, Inc.) (the Bureaus); John M. Cutler, Jr. (National Small Shipments Traffic Conference, Inc.) (NASSTRAC); Jeffrey O. Moreno (National Industrial Transportation League) (NITL); and Paul Samuel Smith (U.S. Department of Transportation) (DOT).

The parties in this case will be divided into three panels and will be allotted argument times as shown below. The first panel will consist of John R. Bagileo for SMCRC. Mr. Bagileo will open and will have a total of 30 minutes but he may reserve part of this time for rebuttal. The other parties will each have 10 minutes. Paul Samuel Smith for DOT will constitute the second panel. The third panel will consist of David H. Coburn for the Bureaus, John M. Cutler, Jr. for NASSTRAC, and Jeffrey O. Moreno for NITL. The speakers should be prepared to answer questions from the bench. Board members will hold their questions until after each party has made its presentation.

As indicated in the October 1, 2004 decision scheduling the oral argument, if a party wishes to enhance its argument by using projector-adaptable visual displays and/or handouts, it may do so. Staff will be available to demonstrate the Hearing Room's projection system on October 26, 2004, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please call (202) 565-1618 to make arrangements.

This action will not affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Time is allocated to the speakers as discussed above.

2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary