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PETITION P3-02

PETITION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BI-STATE MOTOR CARRIERS, INC. TO
INVESTIGATE TRUCKDETENTIONPRACTICES OFTHENEWYORKTERMINALCONFERENCE
AT THE NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY PORT DISTRICT

ORDER

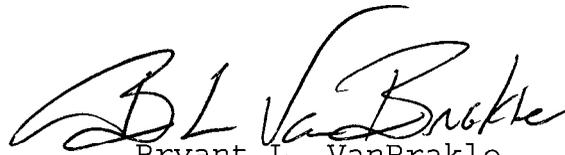
On December 9, 2002, the Petitioner in this matter filed a document captioned "Supplemental Information" seeking leave to supplement the Petition it filed on November 18, 2002. The Petitioner seeks to supplement its Petition by including an Exhibit K, which appears to be a story from the November 22, 2002, news wire issue of the American Shipper. Petitioner's request was filed just ten days before comments are due on the Petitioner's initial filing of November 18, 2002.

The Commission is denying the Petitioner's request. If the Commission were to grant this request, it would have to amend the November 20 Notice of the Petition's filing and provide the public with a further period to comment on the supplemented Petition. The Commission believes that it would be a more efficient use of its and the public's resources if proposed Exhibit K were to be

included in the record as a comment filed in response to the November 18 filing. This approach will allow the public, as well as Petitioner, to respond to the November 20 notice without having to extend the comment period only because the Petition has been supplemented at a late date.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Petitioner's request to supplement its Petition is denied and that its proposed filing be entered into the record as a comment.

By the Commission.



Bryant L. VanBrakle
Secretary