

PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. MC2005-1/9

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Experimental Premium Forwarding Service

Docket No. MC2005-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING RECEIVING TESTIMONY  
AND OTHER MATERIALS INTO EVIDENCE, DISPOSING  
OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS, AND CLOSING THE RECORD

(Issued March 25, 2005)

In my Ruling No. 6,<sup>1</sup> issued on March 11, 2005, I established an expedited schedule for the final stages of this case in light of its advanced procedural posture. Since that ruling was issued, the parties have completed their designations of testimony and other materials for inclusion in the evidentiary record, and filed initial briefs; and during that interval, I have ruled on two additional pending motions.<sup>2</sup> Thus, the only remaining steps prior to the Commission's rendering of a decision are the filing of reply briefs by the participants, which are due on March 28, 2005; rulings on two outstanding motions<sup>3</sup>; and closing the evidentiary record in this proceeding.

The Postal Service's motion of February 11, 2005 asks that certain interrogatory responses of witness Cobb be accepted one day past the nominal deadline for their

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<sup>1</sup> Presiding Officer's Ruling Establishing Final Procedural Schedule, March 11, 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Presiding Officer's Ruling No. MC2005-1/7, March 17, 2005; Presiding Officer's Ruling No. MC2005-1/8, March 18, 2005.

<sup>3</sup> Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Witness Arnetta L. Cobb's Responses to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-T1-23-24), February 11, 2005; Motion of the United States Postal Service to Place Direct Testimony and Written Cross-Examination into the Evidentiary Record, March 18, 2005.

filing. Inasmuch as no party appears to have been prejudiced by this slight delay, I shall grant the Service's motion.

The Postal Service's motion of March 18, 2005 requests that the testimonies of its four witnesses in this proceeding, together with its Library Reference USPS-LR-1, be accepted into the evidentiary record. No party has opposed this motion, and it shall be granted.

No further presentation of evidence for inclusion in the record of this docket is anticipated. Therefore, the record in Docket No. MC2005-1 is hereby closed.

#### RULING

1. The Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Witness Arnetta L. Cobb's Responses to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-T1-23-24), filed February 11, 2005, is granted.
2. The Motion of the United States Postal Service to Place Direct Testimony and Written Cross-Examination into the Evidentiary Record, filed March 18, 2005, is granted.
3. The record in Docket No. MC2005-1 is closed.

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Presiding Officer