

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

REPOSITIONABLE NOTES MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

Docket No. MC2006-2

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR
EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF A RECOMMENDED DECISION
(March 8, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves that the Commission issue a recommended decision in this docket as soon as practicable.¹ Specifically, the Postal Service urges the Commission to transmit its recommendation to the Governors in advance of their meeting on March 22. This would allow, assuming affirmative decisions, the current provisional service to continue without disruption to mailers using or planning to use RPNs. The current service expires on April 3.

No participant has requested a hearing or indicated that there are any issues of material fact raised by the request. The participants have engaged in settlement negotiations, as reported to the Commission at the prehearing conference on February 23, 2006, and have had subsequent discussions. Based on the discussions, the Postal Service determined that neither signatures nor opposition would be forthcoming from the participants if a Stipulation and Agreement were filed. Accordingly, the Postal Service is filing this motion in lieu of a Stipulation and Agreement.

¹ The Commission's rules provide for issuance of a recommended decision with "maximum expedition." Rule 69c, 39 C.F.R. § 3001.69c.

This motion is supported by the following additional circumstances. The Commission's rules contemplate the issuance of an order by the Commission as to whether the request is appropriately considered as a minor classification case within 28 days after the Commission issues its notice of proceeding. Rule 69b(f). That date was February 10. At the prehearing conference on February 23, the Chairman indicated that the order would be issued shortly thereafter. While no order has been issued, the Postal Service believes it is clear, in light of all the circumstances, that further proceedings are not needed in this docket and that it is appropriate for the Commission to issue a recommended decision on the basis of the record before it. In this regard, the Postal Service is providing an attested copy of its testimony in this docket for inclusion in the record of the proceeding.

For these reasons, and given the extremely limited scope of the request and of the record in this case, the Postal Service urges the Commission to issue a recommended decision that the Governors could consider at their meeting on March 22.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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