

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

RATE AND SERVICE CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT
BASELINE NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK

Docket No. MC2006-3

**STATUS REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AND
WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK**
(May 26, 2006)

By Joint Motion dated May 15, 2006, Washington Mutual Bank (WMB) and the Postal Service moved for a temporary suspension of proceedings. The parties cited recent Commission precedent (e.g., Docket Nos. MC2004-3 and 2005-3), as well as the need to address corrections to be made to the presentation of WMB's historical volumes, in support of the Joint Motion. The parties indicated that they would either file revisions to the filing by May 26, or renew the request for temporary suspension at that time. On May 15, 2006, the Presiding Officer issued P.O. Ruling No. MC2006-3/2, which directed the parties to either file revisions to testimony by May 26, or file a status report.

Since May 15, the parties have engaged in exchanges concerning how to address the change in volumes. A consensus on how to proceed appears to be emerging, but is not yet ripe. Hence, the parties still require additional time to address the impact of the change in historical volumes.

WMB and the Postal Service respectfully request that current suspension embodied in P.O. Ruling. No. MC2006-3/2 be extended until June 2, 2006. On

that date, the undersigned counsel will either report on the parties' progress and renew a request for temporary suspension, or the parties will submit revisions to the filing to address the issues raised above. The parties propose that any responses to outstanding discovery requests be due fourteen days from the date that revisions are filed, as provided in P.O. Ruling No. MC2006-3/2.

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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