

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

Evolutionary Network Development
Service Changes

Docket No. N2006-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ESTABLISHING
REVISED DEADLINE FOR DISCOVERY
AND HEARING DATES

(Issued May 31, 2006)

In Ruling No. 12,¹ in response to a motion filed by the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO (APWU), I suspended the deadline for discovery against the direct case of the Postal Service, and directed the Service to submit a status report on documents and plans cited in APWU's motion, as well as on outstanding discovery requests, including a statement addressing anticipated filing dates.

The Postal Service filed a notice in compliance with Ruling No. 12 on May 25, 2006.² That notice anticipates that the Service will file the referenced documents and plans, as well as responses to outstanding discovery requests, by June 5, 2006.

Participants have continued to direct discovery requests to the Postal Service since the issuance of Ruling No. 12. At this point, it is appropriate to establish a revised deadline for the submission of discovery requests. I shall establish June 16, 2006, as the revised deadline.

Further, in view of the extended discovery period, I shall establish revised dates for hearings on the direct case of the Postal Service, currently set for June 15 and 16,

¹ Presiding Officer's Ruling No. N2006-1/12, May 19, 2006.

² Notice of the United States Postal Service Regarding the Status of Outstanding Discovery Responses, May 25, 2006.

2006. The revised hearing dates shall be July 18, continuing if necessary on July 19, 2006. As directed in Ruling No. 10,³ the Postal Service shall submit a statement confirming the availability of its witnesses for hearings on the revised dates by June 5, 2006. To assist in determining whether consolidation of these hearings is feasible, the Service is to include in this statement an indication of whether both witnesses are available on July 18, 2006.

RULING

1. The deadline for discovery on the direct case of the Postal Service is June 16, 2006.
2. Hearings on the Postal Service's direct case will be held July 18 and continue, if necessary, on July 19, 2006, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room.
3. As directed in Presiding Officer's Ruling No. N2006-1/10, the Postal Service shall submit a statement confirming the availability of its witnesses for hearings on the revised dates by June 5, 2006.

Dawn A. Tisdale
Presiding Officer

³ Presiding Officer's Ruling No. N2006-1/10, May 18, 2006.