

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FILING
OF REBUTAL TESTIMONY OF WITNESS TAUFIQUE (USPS-RT-18)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance of its filing of the rebuttal testimony of witness Altaf H. Taufique (USPS-RT-18) one day late.

An inexplicable technical problem arose late yesterday during the process of inserting the Table of Contents page into the version of USPS-RT-18 intended for filing. A last-minute decision was made to extract the problematic Table of Contents page and to file the testimony without it, in order to ensure that the substance of the testimony was filed on time. To make a long story short, that decision backfired. As a result of continued technical problems with the electronic document, it (*sans* Table Of Contents) could not be filed until 4:33p.m. yesterday, three minutes after the 4:30 deadline.

The Postal Service regrets this delay, but believes that no party has been prejudiced, as time-stamped copies of the November 20th 4:33p.m. version of USPS-RT-18 were e-mailed at 4:47p.m. yesterday to counsel for the two parties whose testimony is rebutted by USPS-RT-18.

For these reasons, the Postal Service moves for late acceptance of the filing of USPS-RT-18 this morning -- with the wayward Table of Contents included.

Respectfully submitted,

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