

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R2006-1/132

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2006-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
CERTIFYING COALITION OF CATALOG MAILERS' MOTION
TO REOPEN AND SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD
TO THE FULL COMMISSION

(Issued April 27, 2007)

On April 12, 2007, a group of mailers, the Coalition of Catalog Mailers (CCM),¹ filed a Motion to Reopen and Supplement the Record.² Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc., Valpak Dealers' Association, Inc., Financial Services Roundtable, Major Mailers Association, National Association of Presort Mailers, and the National Postal Policy Council oppose granting the relief requested in the Motion.³ The Postal Service and Mail Order Association of America (MOAA) filed pleadings that take no position on the Motion, but point to testimony currently in the record that they believe supports

¹ CCM has not been granted intervenor status in this case. CCM filed a motion for late intervention on April 3, 2007. See Motion for Acceptance of Late Notice of Intervention by the Coalition of Catalog Mailers, April 3, 2007. That motion is currently under consideration.

² Motion of Coalition of Catalog Mailers to Reopen and Supplement the Record, April 12, 2007 (Motion).

³ Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. and Valpak Dealers' Association, Inc. Opposition to Motion to Reopen and Supplement the Record By Coalition of Catalog Mailers, April 19, 2007; Response of Financial Services Roundtable, Major Mailers Association, National Association of Presort Mailers and National Postal Policy Council to Motion of Coalition of Catalog Mailers to Reopen the Record, April 19, 2007.

rebalancing Standard Mail letter and flat rates.⁴ MOAA also urges the Commission to quickly resolve the Motion and accelerate the procedural schedule for reconsidering whether some rebalancing between Standard Mail letter and flat rates might be appropriate. MOAA Response at 1.

CCM's Motion and the participants' responses raise significant and important issues that may considerably increase the cost of this proceeding for all participants involved. The Motion's resolution could also significantly lengthen this proceeding's timeline. Therefore, pursuant to Commission Rule 23(a)(8), I certify this motion to the full Commission for its consideration and disposition.

RULING

The Motion of Coalition of Catalog Mailers to Reopen and Supplement the Record filed April 12, 2007, is certified to the full Commission for consideration and disposition.

Dan G. Blair
Presiding Officer

⁴ Mail Order Association of America Answer to Motion of Coalition of Catalog Mailers to Reopen and Supplement the Record, April 19, 2007 (MOAA Response); Response of the United States Postal Service to Motion of the Coalition of Catalog Mailers to Reopen and Supplement the Record, April 19, 2007.