

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

RATE AND SERVICE CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT
FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT NEGOTIATED
SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BANK ONE
CORPORATION

Docket No. MC2004-3

REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES
(June 21, 2004)

The United States Postal Service hereby requests that the Commission establish settlement procedures for this filing. Pursuant to chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, the United States Postal Service has determined that it would be in the public interest, and in accordance with the policies and applicable criteria of that title, to implement the classifications, rates and fees contained in the Negotiated Service Agreement (NSA) with the Bank One Corporation (Bank One), which is attached to the request in this case.

The Postal Service believes that there is a distinct possibility of settlement in this case as the agreement is likely to be found functionally equivalent to the Capital One NSA. Therefore, the Postal Service wants a settlement conference to be scheduled immediately following the deadline for intervention. Reaching a settlement properly will obviate most, if not all, subsequent procedural steps.

The likely functional equivalence of the Bank One Corporation NSA should result in an expeditious and uncomplicated review. Therefore, the Postal Service requests the Commission's assistance in establishing settlement procedures for this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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