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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Complaint on Post E.C.S.

Docket No C99-1

SUPPLEMENTAL RULING ON DOCUMENT FILED BY  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR *IN CAMERA*  
INSPECTION AND INTERIM SUSPENSION OF DEADLINE  
ESTABLISHED IN RULING NO. C99-1/16 FOR  
PROVISION OF REDACTED DOCUMENTS

(Issued July 28, 2000)

On July 25, the Postal Service filed two pleadings related to my Ruling No. C99-1/16 on the discoverability of documents it had provided for *in camera* inspection. The first, a notice<sup>1</sup> of the contemporaneous filing of a document for *in camera* inspection, explains that it had been omitted inadvertently from the box of documents previously provided by the Service. The second is a motion<sup>2</sup> that requests clarification and reconsideration of certain aspects of Ruling No. C99-1/16.

I have examined the document provided with the Service's notice, which had been indexed as Document 5G12-32.<sup>3</sup> Inasmuch as the document consists of licensing provisions containing little, if any, intrinsic information about the Post E.C.S. service, I find it of too little relevance to warrant production. Accordingly, I shall direct that it be returned to the Postal Service.

The Service's motion requests additional time to redact the documents for which that treatment was prescribed in Ruling No. C99-1/16, as well as clarification in the form of a statement that the redacted documents will be available only under the protective conditions specified in Order No. 1287. Further, the Service's motion requests

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<sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service Notice of Filing Document for In Camera Inspection, July 25, 2000.

<sup>2</sup> United States Postal Service Motion for Clarification and Partial Reconsideration of Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C99-1/16, July 25, 2000.

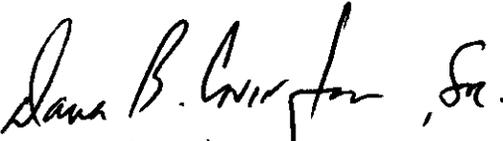
<sup>3</sup> See Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C99-1/16 at 9, n. 11.

permission to redact additional categories of information from those documents, and reconsideration of the rulings on certain documents related to Canada Post Corporation. These requests merit an opportunity for Complainant and other interested parties to respond fully to the motion, followed by deliberation on each form of relief requested or suggested by another party.

In the interim, in view of the proximity of the due date for producing the redacted documents, I shall suspend the current July 31 deadline pending responses and a ruling on the Postal Service motion. However, I expect the Postal Service to continue its efforts to redact documents in accordance with the terms of Ruling No. 16 during this period.

#### RULING

1. The Motion of United Parcel Service to Compel United States Postal Service to Respond to Interrogatories UPS/USPS-1 through UPS/USPS-7 and UPS/USPS-9 through UPS/USPS-20, filed June 8, 1999, as modified in the Response of United Parcel Service to the United States Postal Service's Privilege Log, filed September 9, 1999, is denied with respect to Document 5G12-32. This document shall be returned to the Postal Service by the Secretary of the Commission forthwith.
2. The deadline established in Paragraph 3 of the Ruling in Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C99-1/16 is suspended, pending a ruling on the United States Postal Service Motion for Clarification and Partial Reconsideration of Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C99-1/16, filed July 25, 2000.

  
Dana B. Covington, Sr.  
Presiding Officer