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PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R2000-1/129

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
ADJUSTING THE SCHEDULE OF WITNESSES

(Issued August 22, 2000)

Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/120 established the schedule for the appearance of witnesses sponsoring supplemental testimony updating presentations to reflect the updated cost information, and testimony in rebuttal to the direct cases of participants other than the Postal Service. This ruling adjusts that schedule.

Major Mailers Association has filed a motion requesting that the date for the appearance of its witness be rescheduled from August 30, 2000, to August 29, 2000. It identifies its witness as Richard E. Bentley and indicates that he will be unavailable on August 30, 2000 for medical reasons. This request is granted.

Parcel Shippers Association has requested that witness Wittnebel be rescheduled to be the first witness on August 25, 2000. This request is granted.

Advo, Inc. has given notice that its cross-examination of witness Raymond will involve viewing videotape subject to protective conditions. It represents that counsel for the Postal Service and Newspaper Association of America do not object to rescheduling the four witnesses testifying about carrier delivery costs on August 24, 2000 until the end of the day, with witness Raymond appearing last. This schedule change will be adopted.

Six pieces of testimony were filed in response to Notice of Inquiry No. 4. The Postal Service sponsors testimony from witnesses Bradley, Greene, and Bozzo. These witnesses are scheduled to present rebuttal testimony during these hearings and the Service requests their testimony on Notice of Inquiry No. 4 be received and subject to cross-examination together with their rebuttal testimony. This request is granted.

United Parcel Service sponsors testimony from witness Neels, who is scheduled to present rebuttal testimony during these hearings. United Parcel Service requests that witness Neels present both his rebuttal testimony and his testimony on Notice of Inquiry No. 4 on the same day. This request is granted.

Magazine Publishers of America sponsors testimony on Notice of Inquiry No. 4 from witness Elliott, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate sponsors testimony on Notice of Inquiry No. 4 from witness Smith. These witnesses will be scheduled to coincide with the appearance of other witnesses presenting testimony on this topic.

The revised schedule for the appearance of the witnesses is set forth in Attachment A.

RULING

1. The Motion of Major Mailers Association to reschedule witness, filed August 18, 2000, is granted.
2. The request of Parcel Shippers Association to reschedule witness Wittnebel, filed August 18, 2000, is granted.
3. Attachment A presents the revised schedule of the appearance of witnesses.


Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer

**SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS TO RECEIVE
SUPPLEMENTAL AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY**

Witness

August 23, 2000

Stralberg (TW-ST-1)
Siwek (AAP-ST-4)
Patelunas (USPS-RT-4)
Buc (DMA-ST-2)
Luciani (UPS-ST-2)
Cohen (MPA-ST-1)
Stralberg (TW-RT-1)
Degen (USPS-RT-5)

August 24, 2000

Prescott (MOAA-RT-2)
Campbell (USPS-RT-23)
Davis (USPS-RT-21)
Mayo (USPS-RT-22)
Kay (USPS-RT-13)
Stevens (USPS-RT-14)
Kent (NAA-RT-2)
Raymond (USPS-RT-11)

August 25, 2000

Wittnebel (PSA-RT-2)
Elliot (RIAA-ST-1)
Glick (PSA-RT-1)
Clark (AMZ-RT-2)
Eggleston (USPS-RT-20)
Dowling (USPS-RT-3)
Zarnowitz (USPS-RT-2)
Rosenberg (OCA-RT-2)

August 28, 2000

Bradley (USPS-RT-8) (response to NOI 4)
Pickett (USPS-RT-9)
Young (USPS-RT-10)
Neels (UPS-RT-1) (UPS-NOI/POIR-T-1)
Elliott (MPA-ST-2)
Baron (USPS-RT-12)
Heath (NNA-RT-1)
Taufique (USPS-RT-25)
Prescott (USPS-RT-24)
Thompson (OCA-RT-3)

August 29, 2000

Bentley (MMA-ST-1)
Halldi (VP/CW-RT-1)
Bradpiece (SMC-RT-1)
Giuliano (SMC-RT-2)
Wilson (NAA-RT-1)
Prescott (MOAA, et al.-RT-1)
Crowder (ADVO-RT-1)
Bozzo (USPS-RT-18)
Halldi (AMZ-RT-1)

August 30, 2000

Clifton (ABA&NAPM-ST-1)
Miller (USPS-RT-15)
Staisey (USPS-RT-16)
Gordon (USPS-RT-17)
Halldi (APMU-RT-1)
Harding (Postcom-RT-1)

August 31, 2000

Strasser (USPS-RT-1)
Bernheimer (DMA-ST-3)
O'Hara (USPS-RT-19)
Greene (USPS-RT-7) (response to NOI 4)
Bozzo (USPS-RT-6) (response to NOI 4)
Smith (OCA-RT-4)

September 1, 2000

No witnesses scheduled