

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. MC2002-2/13

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

Experimental Rate and Service Changes
To Implement Negotiated Service Agreement
With Capital One Services, Inc.

Docket No. MC2002-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
GRANTING MOTIONS FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE
OF INTERROGATORY RESPONSES

(Issued December 17, 2002)

On December 11, 2002, the Postal Service filed a motion, Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Response to Interrogatory OCA/USPS-10, requesting late acceptance of an interrogatory response. The motion states that the response to the interrogatory was delayed due to the press of business during the period of completing discovery, preparing for hearings, the hearings themselves, and the need to coordinate with other staff.

On December 12, 2002, the Postal Service filed two motions requesting late acceptance of interrogatory responses. Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Response of Witness Plunkett to Interrogatory OCA/USPS-T3-30(c) Redirected From Witness Crum states that the response to the interrogatory was delayed due to the press of business in connection with the hearings. Motion for Late Acceptance of Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatory of Office of the Consumer Advocate Redirected from Witness Crum (OCA/USPS-T3-28(b) and (d)) states that the response to the interrogatory was delayed due to the person responsible for gathering information being away from the office.

No party should be prejudiced by these delays. The motions for late acceptance shall be granted.

RULING

1. Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Response to Interrogatory OCA/USPS-10, December 11, 2002, is granted.
2. Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Response of Witness Plunkett to Interrogatory OCA/USPS-T3-30(c) Redirected From Witness Crum, December 12, 2002, is granted.
3. Motion for Late Acceptance of Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatory of Office of the Consumer Advocate Redirected from Witness Crum (OCA/USPS-T3-28(b) and (d)), December 12, 2002, is granted.

George Omas
Presiding Officer