

ORDER NO. 1371

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

Before Commissioners:

George Omas, Chairman;  
Dana B. Covington, Sr., Vice Chairman;  
Ruth Y. Goldway; and Tony Hammond

Periodic Reporting

Docket No. RM2003-3

ORDER GRANTING POSTAL SERVICE MOTION TO  
FURTHER EXTEND DATE FOR FILING COMMENTS

(Issued May 19, 2003)

The Commission issued the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this docket on January 8, 2003. On March 11, 2003, a technical conference was held clarifying the nature of revisions that the Commission is proposing to Rule 102, the Periodic Reporting Rule. Following the technical conference, on March 14, 2003, the Commission set April 3, 2003, as the due date for substantive Postal Service comments, and April 14, 2003, as the due date for the public to file reply comments. See Order No. 1363.

On April 2, 2003, the Postal Service filed a motion to extend the due date for an additional month, explaining that it needed the time to consult with its Board of Governors concerning the issues presented by the proposed rule. The Commission extended the due date for Postal Service comments to May 9, 2003 in Order No. 1367. In that Order, the Commission recognized that, as a result of these delays, the revised rule probably would not take effect in time to apply the documentation standards that it contains to the FY 2002 CRA. Nevertheless, the Commission expressed its hope that

when the Postal Service produced the FY2002 CRA, it would include the supporting documentation called for by the proposed rule. Order No. 1367 at 3.

On May 8, 2003, the Commission received a Motion of United States Postal Service for Further Extension of Time to File Comments. It requested that the due date for its comments be extended another month, to June 9, 2003. As justification, it explained that the Board of Governors needs the additional time to complete its consideration of the proposed rule.

The Postal Service motion will be granted. The Commission notes that the Postal Service has now released its version of the FY 2002 CRA. The Commission remains hopeful that when the Board of Governors has completed its consideration of the proposed rule, and a revised rule has been implemented by the Commission, that the Postal Service will apply the revised rule to the FY 2002 CRA.

It is ordered:

1. The due date for the Postal Service's second set of comments addressing the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that was issued in this docket on January 8, 2003, will be extended to June 9, 2003.
2. The public will have until June 23, 2003, to file reply comments.

By the Commission  
(SEAL)

Steven W. Williams  
Secretary