

ORDER NO. 1376

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

Complaint on Bulk Access (Batch  
Processing) of Delivery Confirmation  
Information for Certified Mail

Docket No. C2003-2

ORDER GRANTING WALZ POSTAL SOLUTIONS, INC.  
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO REPLY

(Issued June 25, 2003)

On June 20, 2003, a Walz Postal Solutions, Inc. Motion for Leave to Reply to Postal Service Answer to Complaint (Reply) was filed.<sup>1</sup> The Reply includes a motion which requests that Walz be given the opportunity to reply to the Postal Service's Answer to its April 28, 2003 Complaint "because many of the statements made [by the Postal Service in the Answer] were heard by Walz for the first time."

The Walz motion to reply shall be granted. The Reply responds to the Postal Service's Answer, and clarifies the arguments made in the Walz Complaint. Although allowing a reply to an answer is not specifically provided for in the Commission's rules, it shall be allowed in this instance because it furthers the Commission's understanding of the issues and places the Complaint in the proper context.

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<sup>1</sup> Answer of the United States Postal Service, May 29, 2003 (Answer).

The Postal Service also shall be given an opportunity to respond to any new allegations contained in the Reply, or to clarify any arguments previously made. This should provide the Commission with a more complete understanding of both parties' positions, such that the Commission can decide how to proceed in this docket. The Postal Service's response, if necessary, shall be due on July 7, 2003.

It is ordered:

1. Walz Postal Solutions, Inc. Motion for Leave to Reply to Postal Service Answer to Complaint, June 20, 2003, is granted.
2. The Postal Service's response, if necessary, shall be due on July 7, 2003.

By the Commission.  
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Steven W. Williams  
Secretary