

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. MC2004-2/1

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

Experimental Priority Mail
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Docket No. MC2004-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ESTABLISHING
DEADLINE FOR DISCOVERY REQUESTS DIRECTED
TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

(Issued July 26, 2004)

During the prehearing conference held in this proceeding on July 8, 2004, Chairman Omas polled the participants on the need for additional time in which to direct discovery requests to the Postal Service. Among those commenting, the OCA specifically requested one additional week for initial discovery and a further opportunity to follow up and resolve discovery disputes.¹

Discovery has continued in the interim, with new interrogatories directed to the Postal Service as recently as July 22, 2004. Additionally, three motions to compel responses have been filed, and will be ruled on shortly.

Inasmuch as more than two weeks have passed since the prehearing conference, it is now appropriate to wind up discovery on the Postal Service's filing in this case. Accordingly, I shall establish Thursday, July 29, 2004 as the deadline for submitting additional interrogatories or other requests for discovery on the Service.

¹ Tr. 1/8.

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The deadline for discovery requests directed to the United States Postal Service is Thursday, July 29, 2004.

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Presiding Officer