

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. MC2004-3/5

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

Rate and Service Changes To Implement
Functionally Equivalent Negotiated Service
Agreement With Bank One Corporation

Docket No. MC2004-3

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
GRANTING ADJUSTMENT IN BRIEFING SCHEDULE

(Issued September 16, 2004)

On September 15, 2004, the Postal Service, Bank One Corporation, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate filed a joint motion requesting a delay in the due dates for briefs and reply briefs.¹ On this same date, the Postal Service filed a Stipulation and Agreement, along with the joint motion of the Postal Service, Bank One Corporation, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate requesting consideration of the Stipulation and Agreement.² The request for delay in the briefing schedule is proposed to allow time for the Commission to consider the Stipulation and Agreement, and for potential signatories to consider the Stipulation and Agreement. It also allows time for participants to address in briefs the issues raised by the Stipulation and Agreement.

The joint motion for delay in the briefing schedule is granted. Initial Briefs shall be due on October 1, 2004. Reply Briefs shall be due on October 8, 2004. Any participant who is intending on signing the Stipulation and Agreement shall file the appropriate signature page with the Commission by September 27, 2004. Any objection

¹ Joint Motion of the United States Postal Service, Bank One Corporation and the Office of the Consumer Advocate for Adjustment of Briefing Schedule to Accommodate the Stipulation and Settlement, September 15, 2004.

² Stipulation and Agreement, September 15, 2004; Joint Motion of the United States Postal Service, Bank One Corporation, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate for Consideration of Stipulation and Settlement as the Basis for Recommendation, September 15, 2004.

to the motion for consideration of the Stipulation and Agreement is due on September 27, 2004. Substantive argument in regard to the Stipulation and Agreement also may be included in briefs.

In other matters, the Postal Service filed Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Notice of Third Errata to Direct Testimony of Michael K. Plunkett (Third Errata), September 14, 2004. This motion is granted.

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1. Joint Motion of the United States Postal Service, Bank One Corporation and the Office of the Consumer Advocate for Adjustment of Briefing Schedule to Accommodate the Stipulation and Settlement, September 15, 2004, is granted. Initial Briefs shall be due on October 1, 2004. Reply Briefs shall be due on October 8, 2004. Any participant who is intending on signing the Stipulation and Agreement shall file the appropriate signature page with the Commission by September 27, 2004. Any objection to the motion for consideration of the Stipulation and Agreement is due on September 27, 2004.
2. Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Notice of Third Errata to Direct Testimony of Michael K. Plunkett (Third Errata), September 14, 2004, is granted.

George Omas
Presiding Officer