

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. MC2004-3/8

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 EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued April 15, 2005)

On March 7, 2005, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting leave to file a memorandum and proposal, with a proposed filing date of April 15, 2005.¹ PRC Order No. 1433 established a filing date of April 15, 2005 for the Postal Service to file its memorandum and proposal.

On April 14, 2005, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting that this deadline be extended until May 13, 2005.² It cites the duties associated with the preparation and filing of an omnibus postal rate case, and the need "to consult with entities outside the Postal Service, including external experts and existing and future NSA partners" as reasons for the delay. It states that the co-proponent, Bank One Corporation, concurs in this request, and that no other participant will be unduly prejudiced by the extension.

The Commission is quite conscious of its responsibility to promptly consider and respond to requests for reconsideration from the Governors.

In this instance, the Postal Service asserts that "[a]fter consulting with the Office of the Governors, we have determined that an extension of time should be requested."

¹ United States Postal Service Motion for Leave to File Memorandum on Reconsideration and for Proposed Procedures, March 7, 2004.

² United States Postal Service Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Memorandum on Reconsideration, April 14, 2005.

The Postal Service's motion is granted. The Postal Service shall file its memorandum and proposal by May 13, 2005.

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United States Postal Service Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Memorandum on Reconsideration, April 14, 2005, is granted.

George Omas
Presiding Officer