

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2005-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
ESTABLISHING SPECIAL RULE FOR MATERIALS
SUBMITTED UNDER PROTECTIVE CONDITIONS

(Issued May 5, 2005)

Presiding Officer's Ruling R2005-1/3 granted a Postal Service motion to submit materials subject to protective conditions. The Commission would rather avoid protective conditions whenever possible, but it recognizes that in some instances they are necessary.

It is very important that when documents are submitted subject to protective conditions, Commission procedures assure that the sensitive material involved is protected. Therefore, the following procedural requirements are adopted as a Special Rule in this case to assure appropriate treatment of material submitted subject to protective conditions.

Materials subject to protective conditions should not be filed on-line. All such material should be provided to our Dockets Section in hard-copy form. If the information is in electronic form, an appropriate tangible media should be provided, that is, a CD, tape, disk, etc.

Tangible material subject to protective conditions, whether paper or electronic media, should be provided in a sealed envelope marked “Confidential—Do Not Post On Web.” There should be a statement on the envelope relating the enclosed confidential material to a Notice of Filing submitted through our filing on-line system.

The electronic notice indicating that confidential material is being filed with the Commission should include at the end of the title the words, “Protected Material.” It will be particularly helpful if in formatting the title of such a document, the words, “Protected Material” appear by themselves, as the last line of the title.

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Material subject to protective conditions shall be submitted to the Commission in the manner described in the body of this Ruling.

George Omas
Presiding Officer