

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2005-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
GRANTING UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
MOTIONS FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE
OF RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES

(Issued May 13, 2005)

There are five motions pending for late acceptance of filings by the United States Postal Service of responses of interrogatories. Four motions, United States Postal Service Motion for Late Acceptance of Response to Interrogatory of David B. Popkin (DBP/USPS-30), May 6, 2005; The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Responses of Postal Service Witness Marc D. McCrery to Interrogatories of Time Warner Inc. Redirected from Witness Eliane Van-Ty-Smith (TW/USPS-T11-5a, 5c, 5h-k, 6d-h, 7a, 7e, 7g-j, 8d, 8f-j, 9b-e), May 6, 2005; The Motion of the Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Responses to Interrogatories of Valpak (VP/USPS-T30-1-17, 19-20), May 9, 2005; and The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Responses to Interrogatories of David Popkin (DBP/USPS-4, 10, 11, 13, 14), May 10, 2005, involve delay which does not seem unreasonable under the circumstances and there appears to be no prejudice to any participant from granting these requests.

The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Interrogatory of Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. and Valpak Dealers' Association, Inc., Redirected from Witness Lewis (VP/USPS-T30-18), was filed on May 9, 2005, followed by Revised Motion for Late Acceptance of Response of the United States

Postal Service to Interrogatory of Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. and Valpak Dealers' Association, Inc., Redirected from Witness Lewis (Errata) (VP/USPS-T30-18), filed on May 12, 2005. The revised motion explains that the first motion erred in failing to recognize that the Postal Service provided an institutional response. There appears to be no prejudice to any participant from granting this request.

RULING

1. The United States Postal Service Motion for Late Acceptance of Response to Interrogatory of David B. Popkin (DBP/USPS-30), May 6, 2005, is granted.
2. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Responses of Postal Service Witness Marc D. McCrery to Interrogatories of Time Warner Inc. Redirected from Witness Eliane Van-Ty-Smith (TW/USPS-T11-5a, 5c, 5h-k, 6d-h, 7a, 7e, 7g-j, 8d, 8f-j, 9b-e), May 6, 2005, is granted.
3. The Motion of the Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Responses to Interrogatories of Valpak (VP/USPS-T30-1-17, 19-20), May 9, 2005, is granted.
4. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Responses to Interrogatories of David Popkin (DBP/USPS-4, 10, 11, 13, 14), May 10, 2005, is granted.

5. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Interrogatory of Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. and Valpak Dealers' Association, Inc., Redirected from Witness Lewis (VP/USPS-T30-18), May 9, 2005, as corrected by the Revised Motion for Late Acceptance of Response of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatory of Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. and Valpak Dealers' Association, Inc., Redirected from Witness Lewis (Errata) (VP/USPS-T30-18), May 12, 2005, is granted.

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Presiding Officer