

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2005-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
SCHEDULING WITNESSES

(Issued June 14, 2005)

There have been requests for oral cross-examination of 10 of the 19 Postal Service witnesses in Group A. The schedule for the appearance of those 10 Group A witnesses is set forth in Attachment A. As discussed at the prehearing conference, hearings normally will continue until cross-examination of all scheduled witnesses is completed. In order to accommodate the schedules of Postal Service witnesses, and of counsel who must prepare to cross-examine those witnesses, hearings each day will begin with the witnesses scheduled to appear on that day following the order appearing in Attachment A. Participants requesting an exception to this procedure will be expected to contact the Postal Service and all counsel indicating an intent to cross-examine witnesses scheduled to appear on that day prior to making such a request.

Designations of written cross-examination of witnesses scheduled to appear on June 27 will be due by noon, June 24, 2005. There were 14 discovery requests addressed to these witnesses on June 10. Under our rules, answers to those discovery requests are due June 24. In order to facilitate entering written discovery into the record, the Postal Service is directed to provide answers to those questions by June 23.

Designations of written cross-examination of witnesses scheduled to appear on June 28 will be due by noon, June 27, 2005.

Designations of written cross-examination of witnesses scheduled to appear on June 29 will be due by close of business, June 27, 2005.

The remaining witnesses in Group A will not be required to appear at hearings. Designation of written cross-examination of those witnesses will be due by close of business June 28, 2005. A separate volume of transcript will be prepared containing the written cross-examination of those witnesses. The Postal Service is to provide declarations of authenticity for the testimony and designated discovery answers of those witnesses by June 30, 2005.

The date for designations of institutional responses from the Postal Service will be established in a subsequent procedural ruling.

RULING

1. Attachment A schedules the appearance of Group A Postal Service witnesses in this case.
2. Responses to discovery requests to witnesses appearing June 27 are due by June 23, 2005.

George Omas
Presiding Officer

SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS TO RECEIVE
THE DIRECT CASE OF THE POSTAL SERVICE

Witness

June 27, 2005 ¹	Potter (USPS-T-1) Tayman (USPS-T-6) Meehan (USPS-T-9)
June 28, 2005 ²	Thress (USPS-T-7) Robinson (USPS-T-27) Taufique (USPS-T-28)
June 29, 2005 ³	Hatcher (USPS-T-22) Cutting (USPS-T-26) Mayes (USPS-T-25) Abdirahman (USPS-T-21)
Witnesses not appearing ⁴	Hunter (USPS-T-3) Bernstein (USPS-T-8) Waterbury (USPS-T-10) Nash (USPS-T-17) Kay (USPS-T-18) Miller (USPS-T-20) Page (USPS-T-23) Wesner (USPS-T-24) Bradley (USPS-T-31)

¹ Designations of written cross-examination due noon, June 24, 2005.

² Designations of written cross-examination due noon, June 27, 2005.

³ Designations of written cross-examination due June 27, 2005.

⁴ Designations of written cross-examination due June 28, 2005.