

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R2005-1/23

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 MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION
MOTION

(Issued June 17, 2005)

A Motion of Major Mailers Association Seeking (1) Permission to File Second Set of Interrogatories and Document Production Requests to United States Postal Service Witness Maura Robinson (MMA/USPS-T27-2-4) and (2) an Order Directing Shortened Response Period (Motion) was filed June 15, 2005. The Motion states that the three discovery requests would have been submitted in a timely fashion but for the Postal Service providing its response to a previous discovery request 17 days late. The Major Mailers Association discovery requests in question were submitted three business days after the close of discovery to witness Robinson. Under these circumstances, I will allow the additional discovery requests.

The Motion further requests that the Postal Service be directed to provide answers to these discovery requests on June 24, 2005, nine days after the questions were submitted. In support of this request, the Motion notes that witness Robinson is scheduled to testify on June 28, 2005, and that granting this request will enable it to engage in follow-up questioning.

Witness Robinson is already responsible for providing responses to 17 discovery requests on or before June 24, 2005. It would be extremely helpful if the Major Mailers Association discovery requests at issue could also be answered on that date; however, I will allow responses to these questions on or before noon, June 27, 2005.

RULING

1. Major Mailers Association discovery requests MMA/USPS-T27-2-4, filed June 15, 2005, are permissible.
2. Responses to MMA/USPS-T27-2-4 are due by noon, June 27, 2005.

George Omas
Presiding Officer