

PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. R2005-1/32

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2005-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING  
CONCERNING APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES  
MEEHAN (USPS-T-9) AND MILLER (USPS-T-19)

(Issued June 24, 2005)

The schedule for hearing witnesses presenting the Postal Service direct case was established by Presiding Officer Rulings 22 and 27. Subsequent to those rulings, notice was given that participants intending to cross-examine two scheduled witnesses will no longer need to pose oral questions.<sup>1</sup> Under Commission practice, witnesses need not attend formal hearings if no participant wishes to engage in oral cross-examination. Their testimony can be admitted into evidence by motion. Therefore, I will excuse witnesses Meehan (USPS-T-9) and Miller (USPS-T-19) from appearing and allow the Postal Service to offer their testimony by motion at the point during the hearing when they were scheduled to appear.

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<sup>1</sup> Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. and Valpak Dealers' Association, Inc. Notice of Withdrawal of Oral Cross-Examination Request for United States Postal Service Witness Karen Meehan (USPS-T-9), and Motion of the United States Postal Service to Excuse Postal Service Witness Miller (USPS-T-19) From Appearing Before the Commission, both filed on June 23, 2005.

RULING

The testimony of Postal Service witnesses Meehan (USPS-T-9) and Miller (USPS-T-19) will be offered by motion. These witnesses need not appear as originally scheduled.

George Omas  
Presiding Officer