

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R2005-1/35

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 WITNESS THRESS
(USPS-T-7)

(Issued June 27, 2005)

The schedule for hearing Group A witnesses presenting the Postal Service direct case was established by Presiding Officer Ruling 22, filed June 14, 2005. On June 26, 2005, the Postal Serviced filed notice that participants intending to cross-examine witness Thress, who is scheduled to appear on June 28, 2005, no longer intend to pose oral questions. 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 witness Thress (USPS-T-7) from appearing and allow the Postal Service to offer his testimony by motion at the point during the hearing when he is scheduled to appear.

RULING

The testimony of Postal Service witness Thress (USPS-T-7) will be offered by motion. This witness need not appear as originally scheduled.

George Omas
Presiding Officer