

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  
POSTAL SERVICE MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO CONDUCT DISCOVERY AND SCHEDULING  
HEARINGS ON CASE-IN-CHIEF OF VALPAK

(Issued July 29, 2005)

On July 26, 2005, the United States Postal Service filed a motion for a four-day extension of the current deadline of August 5, 2005, for conducting discovery on intervenor testimony.<sup>1</sup> The Service notes that, under the adjustment of the procedural schedule made in Ruling No. R2005-1/49, intervenors were afforded five additional days in which to file testimony, thereby allowing five fewer days than contemplated in the original procedural schedule for discovery on that testimony. In view of the depth and breadth of the testimony filed by Valpak on July 19, the Service requests that the deadline for discovery be reset to August 9, 2005. The Service states that such an adjustment would permit a fairer opportunity for parties to analyze the Valpak testimony and complete written discovery before Valpak's witnesses take the stand. It also states that it is authorized to represent that Valpak does not oppose the requested relief.

I shall grant the Postal Service's Motion for the reasons it cites, and in view of the probability that no party is likely to be prejudiced by this change in the procedural schedule. Also, in order to complete written discovery on Valpak's case prior to the

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<sup>1</sup> Motion of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to Conduct Discovery on Intervenor Testimony, July 26, 2005 (Motion).

appearance of its witnesses, I shall schedule hearings on its direct case to commence on Wednesday, August 24, to continue on Thursday, August 25, if necessary.

### RULING

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to Conduct Discovery on Intervenor Testimony, filed July 26, 2005, is granted.
2. The deadline for completion of discovery directed to the case-in-chief of Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. and Valpak Dealers' Association, Inc. is extended to August 9, 2005.
3. Hearings to receive the testimony of Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. and Valpak Dealers' Association, Inc. shall be held on August 24, 2005, and on August 25, 2005, if necessary.

George Omas  
Presiding Officer