

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

Evolutionary Network Development
Service Changes

Docket No. N2006-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ESTABLISHING
THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued August 3, 2006)

This ruling establishes dates for the remaining significant milestones in the completion of development of the evidentiary record in this docket.

The Postal Service filing requested an expeditious turnaround by the Commission. Delays in identifying and providing important documentation have frustrated that goal to some extent; however, the Commission remains intent on providing an advisory opinion in a sufficiently timely fashion to contribute to rational and effective network development.¹ To that end, the remaining schedule is somewhat more compressed than participants have requested. The procedural deadlines for the remainder of this case have been established to coordinate with the schedule in the current omnibus rate case, Docket No. R2006-1, and other pending Commission proceedings.

¹ It is unclear to what extent the Postal Service is proceeding with this program while its Request for an Advisory Opinion is before the Commission.

RULING

The procedural schedule for the remainder of this case is set forth in Appendix A of this Ruling.

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Presiding Officer

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July 28, 2006	Postal Service provision of RDC documentation
August 14, 2006	Completion of discovery on Postal Service direct case [responses to be provided within 7 days]
September 1, 2006	Filing of the case-in-chief of each participant including rebuttal to the Postal Service
September 15, 2006	Completion of discovery on cases-in-chief of participants
October 3, 2006	Evidentiary hearings on cases-in-chief of participants
October 5, 2006	Indication of intent to file evidence in rebuttal to cases-in-chief of participants
October 13, 2006	Evidence in rebuttal to cases-in-chief of participants (no discovery on this evidence)
October 19 - 20, 2006	Hearings on rebuttal to cases-in-chief of participants
<i>October 19, 2006</i>	<i>Initial briefs if no evidence in rebuttal to cases-in-chief of participants is requested</i>
<i>October 26, 2006</i>	<i>Reply briefs if no evidence in rebuttal to cases-in-chief of participants is requested</i>
October 31, 2006	Initial briefs
November 7, 2006	Reply briefs