

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2006-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
CERTIFYING ISSUE TO THE FULL COMMISSION
AND CLOSING EVIDENTIARY RECORD

(Issued December 19, 2006)

On December 18, 2006, a Joint Objection to the receipt into evidence of the response to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 25 was filed.¹ Participants submitting initial briefs in this case shall assume the Joint Objection is not sustained. If the Joint Objection is sustained, there will be no need to reply to arguments involving this response in reply briefs.

The issues raised in the Joint Objection are significant, and pursuant to rule 23(a)(8), I certify this objection to the full Commission for its consideration and disposition.

Subject to the decision of the full Commission on the Joint Objection, the evidentiary record in this case is closed.

¹ Objection of Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, Advo, Inc., American Business Media, Association for Postal Commerce, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., Dow Jones & Company, Inc., Growing Family Inc., Magazine Publishers of America, Inc., Mail Order Association of America, Mailing & Fulfillment Service Association, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., National Newspaper Association, Parcel Shippers Association, Saturation Mail Coalition and Time Warner Inc. to Receipt into Evidence of the Response of OCA Witness Smith to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 25, December 18, 2006 (Joint Objection).

RULING

1. The Objection of Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, Advo, Inc., American Business Media, Association for Postal Commerce, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., Dow Jones & Company, Inc., Growing Family Inc., Magazine Publishers of America, Inc., Mail Order Association of America, Mailing & Fulfillment Service Association, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., National Newspaper Association, Parcel Shippers Association, Saturation Mail Coalition and Time Warner Inc. to Receipt into Evidence of the Response of OCA Witness Smith to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 25, filed December 18, 2006, is certified to the full Commission for its consideration and disposition.
2. Subject to the decision of the full Commission on the Joint Objection, the evidentiary record in Docket No. R2006-1 is closed.

George Omas
Presiding Officer