

DOCKET SECTION

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R97-1/83

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING GRANTING
MOTION OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON FOR
AN EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH
TO FILE A MOTION TO COMPEL

(January 5, 1998)

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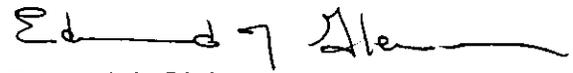
On December 31, the Commission received a motion from intervenor Douglas F. Carlson asking for an extension of the deadline specified in the special rules of practice in this case for moving to compel responses to discovery requests. Noting that the Postal Service had objected to 15 of his interrogatories between December 8 and December 15,¹ Mr. Carlson requests an extension to January 9, 1998, to allow him to evaluate the objections and file a motion to compel responses to any or all of them.

It is my understanding that the United States Postal Service has no objection to this motion. In light of the considerations noted by Mr. Carlson, and the lack of consequent prejudice to the Postal Service or any other party, the motion shall be granted. Should he elect to do so, the filing of a motion to compel responses to any or all of the cited interrogatories shall be due January 9, 1998.

¹ The Postal Service has lodged objections to Interrogatories DFC/USPS-19-22, 23, 24-28, 30-32, 34, and 35. Douglas F. Carlson Motion of December 31 at 1, notes 1-6.

RULING

The Motion of Douglas F. Carlson for Extension of Time to Respond to Objections of the United States Postal Service, filed December 31, 1997, is granted.

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Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer