

ORDER NO. 5819

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

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;  
Ashley E. Poling, Vice Chairwoman;  
Mark Acton;  
Ann C. Fisher; and  
Michael Kubayanda

Periodic Reporting  
(UPS Proposal One)

Docket No. RM2020-9

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE  
TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS

(Issued January 19, 2021)

On January 8, 2021, United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) filed a motion for leave to file reply comments.<sup>1</sup> UPS alleges that its proposed reply comments will provide “a more complete discussion of...matters, to which UPS has had no previous opportunity to respond.” Motion at 3. UPS asserts further that its proposed reply comments will “facilitate the Commission’s understanding and evaluation of the Postal Service’s comments, and would thus create a more complete record for the Commission’s consideration.” *Id.*

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<sup>1</sup> United Parcel Service, Inc.’s Motion for Leave to File Reply Comments, January 8, 2021 (Motion). The Motion was accompanied by UPS’s proposed reply comments. See United Parcel Service, Inc.’s Proposed Reply Comments, January 8, 2021 (Reply Comments).

On January 12, 2021, the Postal Service filed a response in opposition to the Motion.<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service states that UPS has failed to offer a satisfactory justification for permitting it to file reply comments. See Response at 2. The Postal Service asserts that all three of the matters which UPS seeks to address in its proposed reply comments were matters raised by Professor Bradley, the Postal Service's representative at the Commission's September 29, 2020 technical conference; that UPS had the opportunity to address those matters in its December 15, 2020 comments; and that UPS "indeed addressed and responded to the points made by Professor Bradley...." *Id.* at 1-2. The Postal Service requests the Commission to deny the UPS Motion. *Id.* at 2.

Upon consideration of UPS's Motion and the Postal Service's Response, the Commission finds that consideration of UPS's Reply Comments will assist the Commission in its deliberations. Accordingly, the Commission grants UPS's Motion.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Motion of United Parcel Service, Inc. for Leave to File Reply Comments, filed January 8, 2021, is granted.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker  
Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> Response of the United States Postal Service in Opposition to UPS Motion Requesting Leave to File Reply Comments, January 12, 2021 (Response).