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PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. MC2000-2/5

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Mailing Online Experiment

Docket No. MC2000-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

(December 23, 1999)

On December 21, 1999, Mail Advertising Service Association International (MASA) filed a Motion of Mail Advertising Service Association International for Extension of Time (Motion). MASA concurrently filed Mail Advertising Service Association International Statement of Issues. PRC Order No. 1272, issued November 19, 1999, established a December 16, 1999 deadline for filing statements of issues. The Motion requests the Commission to accept the late submission of MASA's statement of issues.

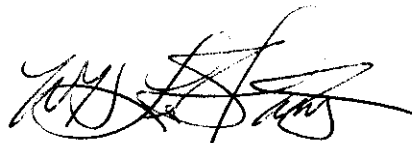
Statements of issues are reviewed by the Commission to identify genuine issues of material fact and to determine if it is possible to limit the scope of trial-type hearings. The issues raised by MASA are similar to the Office of Consumer Advocate Statement of Issues filed on December 16, 1999, in both content and in the broad spectrum of issues raised. Presiding Officer's Ruling No. MC2000-2/3, issued December 21, 1999,

stated that the possible issues to be heard are broad and not well defined. Thus, the issues have not been narrowed for presentation at the hearing at this time.

The Motion of Mail Advertising Service Association International for Extension of Time is granted. The issues have not been narrowed at this time and the Commission is encouraging the participants to continue attempts to narrow the issues and streamline the proceeding. Granting the Motion will not delay the proceeding or prejudice the Postal Service.

RULING

The Motion of Mail Advertising Service Association International for Extension of Time is granted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.H. LeBlanc III', written in a cursive style.

W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III
Presiding Officer