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

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Before Commissioners:

Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman;  
George A. Omas, Vice Chairman;  
Dana B. Covington, Sr.; Ruth Y. Goldway;  
and W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III

Complaint on Charges for the  
Bulk Parcel Return Service

Docket No. C99-4

ORDER SHORTENING THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO  
MOTION TO SUSPEND OR CONSOLIDATE

(Issued January 14, 2000)

On January 12, 2000, the Postal Service filed a motion for suspension of Docket No. C99-4 proceedings or, in the alternative, for consolidation of this docket with the omnibus rate case Docket No. R2000-1, which was filed the same day.<sup>1</sup> Docket No. R2000-1 in part proposes changes to the Bulk Parcel Return Service rate currently at issue in this complaint case. The Postal Service Motion also asks for expedited consideration of its request, in light of the impending deadlines for rebuttal testimony and hearings or briefs.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission acknowledges the Postal Service's rationale for seeking an expeditious ruling given the time constraints under which all parties are now operating in Docket No. C99-4. Accordingly, parties who wish to comment on the Postal Service Motion are directed to file their answers by January 19, 2000.

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<sup>1</sup> Motion of the United States Postal Service for Suspension of Proceedings or Consolidation of this Docket with Docket No. R2000-1 and Motion for Expedited Consideration of this Motion (Postal Service Motion), January 12, 2000, at 1.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 3.

It is ordered:

Parties wishing to respond to the Postal Service's Motion to suspend or consolidate Docket No. C99-4 with omnibus rate case Docket No. R2000-1 should do so by January 19, 2000.

By the Commission.

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Cyril J. Pittack  
Acting Secretary