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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

PRESIDING OFFICER RULING
CIRCULATING PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued January 27, 2000)

Order No. 1279 scheduled the first prehearing conference in this case to take place on Wednesday Feb. 16, 2000 at 9:30 am. That order indicated that a proposed procedural schedule would be circulated prior to the prehearing conference. Participants may suggest alterations to the schedule appended to this ruling on or before February 14, 2000, and any suggestions will be discussed at the prehearing conference.

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Participants may suggest alterations to the proposed procedural schedule, Attachment A, on or before February 14, 2000.



Edward J. Gleiman
Chairman

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
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January 12, 2000	Postal Service Request filed
February 16, 2000	Prehearing conference
March 16, 2000	Identify expected amount of oral cross-examination. Report on the availability of witnesses
March 16, 2000	Completion of discovery on the Postal Service's direct case
March 27, 2000	Trial brief of the Postal Service
April 5 – 28, 2000	Hearings for cross-examination of the Postal Service's direct case (9:30 a.m. in the Commission hearing room)
May 5, 2000	Filing of the case-in-chief of each participant, including rebuttal to the Postal Service
June 1, 2000	Identify expected amount of oral cross-examination. Report on the availability of witnesses
June 2, 2000	Completion of discovery directed to intervenors and the OCA
June 6, 2000	Trial briefs of intervenors and the OCA
June 15 - 30, 2000	Evidentiary hearings on the cases-in-chief of intervenors and the OCA (9:30 a.m. in the Commission hearing room)
June 20, 2000	Completion of discovery directed to the Service

July 10, 2000	Filing of evidence in rebuttal to the cases-in-chief of participants other than the Postal Service (no discovery permitted on this rebuttal evidence; only oral cross-examination)
July 19 - 27, 2000	Hearings on rebuttal to participants' direct evidence 9:30 a.m. in the Commission hearing room)
August 7, 2000	Filing of initial briefs
August 15, 2000	Filing of reply briefs
August 22 – 23, 2000	Oral argument (if requested)