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PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. R2000-1/6

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING  
GRANTING THE POSTAL SERVICE'S MOTIONS

(February 29, 2000)

On February 16, 2000, the Postal Service filed a motion for late acceptance of its response to OCA/USPS-51. Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Responses to Interrogatories OCA/USPS-51. The Postal Service indicates that its response was delayed because, among other things, appropriate personnel were unavoidably unavailable.

On February 22, 2000, the Postal Service filed a motion for late acceptance of an objection to ANM/USPS-T10-32(d). Motion of Late Acceptance of Objection of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatory ANM/USPS-T10-32(d) ("Motion").<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service indicates that, while initially expecting that responsive materials could be provided, it discovered upon review, but too late to file a timely objection, that "materials possibly responsive to the interrogatory contained information subject to objection." Motion at 1<sup>2</sup>. The Postal Service contends that no party will be harmed by late acceptance of its objection, which, it notes, was filed two business days late.

For good cause shown, the Postal Service's motions are granted.

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<sup>1</sup> Concurrently, the Postal Service filed an objection to ANM/USPS-T10-32(d). See Objection of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatory ANM/USPS-T10-32(d) ("Objection"). This Ruling does not address the merits of the Postal Service's objection.

<sup>2</sup> As Postal Service noted in its objection, it did object in timely fashion to certain other interrogatories submitted by ANM in the same set. Objection at 1, n.1.

RULING

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Responses to Interrogatories OCA/USPS-51 is granted.

2. The Motion of Late Acceptance of Objection of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatory ANM/USPS-T10-32(d) is granted.

  
Edward J. Gleiman  
Chairman