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

Before Commissioners:

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

Complaint on First-Class Mail Service Standards

Docket No. C2001-3

ORDER GRANTING  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
MOTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued July 13, 2001)

On July 19, 2000, Douglas F. Carlson filed a Complaint with the Commission concerning First-Class Mail service standards.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service filed an Answer to the Complaint on July 12, 2001.<sup>2</sup> The Answer has been filed within the filing deadline established by Rule 84. The Postal Service, on July 12, 2001, also filed a Motion for extension of time to file a dispositive motion and accompanying declaration.<sup>3</sup> The Rules do not establish a specific deadline for filing a dispositive motion and accompanying declaration. Therefore, the Commission will consider this Motion as a request to delay consideration of the Complaint until the motion, and subsequent answer, are filed with the Commission, and as a request to establish filing dates.

The Postal Service requests a filing date of July 30, 2001 to file a dispositive motion and accompanying declaration. Previously scheduled personal commitments by

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<sup>1</sup> Douglas F. Carlson Complaint on First-Class Mail Service Standards, filed June 19, 2001 (Complaint).

<sup>2</sup> Answer of the United States Postal Service, filed July 12, 2001 (Answer).

<sup>3</sup> Motion of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to File a Dispositive Motion, filed July 12, 2001 (Motion).

the responsible attorney are cited as reasons not to file until this date. The Complainant does not object to, nor will any other participant be prejudiced by, filing on this date. Therefore, the request to establish a filing date of July 30, 2001 is granted.

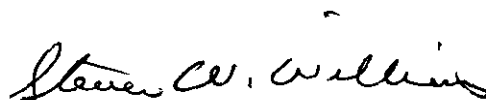
The Postal Service also indicates that the Complainant requests an August 14, 2001 filing date to answer the Postal Service's motion. The Service cites previously scheduled personal commitments on the part of the Complainant for selecting this date. Because no participant will be prejudiced, the request to establish a filing date of August 14, 2001 for any participant who anticipates filing an answer is granted.

The Commission shall delay consideration of this Complaint until August 14, 2001. By this date, participants should have completed the initial motions practice such that the Commission has the necessary information available to determine how to proceed with this Complaint.

It is ordered:

1. The Postal Service shall file a dispositive motion and accompanying declaration with the Commission by July 30, 2001.
2. Participants shall file, if they choose to do so, an answer to the Postal Service's motion by August 14, 2001.
3. The Commission will delay consideration of this Complaint until August 14, 2001.

By the Commission.  
(SEAL)

  
Steven W. Williams  
Acting Secretary