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

Complaint on Post E.C.S.

Docket No C99-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING CONCERNING SCHEDULING OF COMPLAINANT'S CASE-IN-CHIEF

(Issued October 9, 2001)

In Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C99-1/24, I directed Complainant to provide a timetable for submission of its direct case on the subjects currently at issue in this proceeding.¹ In a response filed on October 5, United Parcel Service (UPS) stated its intention to present the testimony of two witnesses in support of its Complaint, and that one of the two witnesses will be unable to review recently produced discovery materials until after mid-November. Consequently, UPS estimated that it will be able to submit its case-in-chief "on or about December 14, 2001." UPS Response at 2.

In view of Complainant's estimate, I will set a deadline of December 14 for filing the direct case of United Parcel Service, with the understanding that UPS may move for an adjustment of this date should unforeseeable obstacles arise. Following submission of the direct case, I anticipate adopting a procedural schedule that will allow a period of approximately four weeks for discovery on UPS, to be followed by a two-week interval for completing its responses. Hearings on Complainant's case-in-chief will be held shortly thereafter, and will be coordinated with proceedings in Docket No. R2001-1.

¹ Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C99-1/24, September 27, 2001.

RULING

Complainant United Parcel Service shall submit a case-in-chief in support of its Complaint on issues currently before the Commission in this docket by December 14, 2001.

Dana B. Covington, Sr.

Presiding Officer